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THE *President's* PAGE

From day to day I have put off writing this last issue of the President's Page until I am expecting a frantic call from the Editor. Why is it so hard to say "Goodbye"? This short year has passed so quickly and I have had so many things to tell you until now . . . but it all leaves me when I try to let you know how wonderful this past year has been. My sincere thanks to every one of you for your loyalty and service during my term as president.

We started out with Enthusiasm . . . how is yours holding out?

Next we worked on Membership . . . did you gain or lose?

Education was our theme for the months of State Meetings, and at those I attended it was outstanding. Then, an article on Leadership for new officers. Now, where do we go from here?

Shall we talk about our accomplishments for the past year, or do you want to hear of plans for next year? It is difficult to say, "We did this . . . now we will do that", for most of our projects carry over from one year to the next, and from one president to the next without interruption. This is the result of good organization, and that is what we are constantly striving to attain.

During the past year your officers sought the advice of legal counsel, and had conferences with outstanding officers of the American Dental Association to try to plan a future course of expansion for the Association. A membership campaign is under way that will bring our organization to the attention of every office on the mailing list of the A.D.A. The follow-up on this will be a tremendous task for the Membership Committee for 1953, but we have every confidence that the results will be worth all the time and effort we put into it.

The business of the A.D.A.A. has reached the point where it is impossible for an employed assistant to take care of it efficiently and more and more work is being done in Central Office. The Bookkeeping is being done there now, relieving the Treasurer of much detail, and the office staff will have to be increased accordingly as time goes on.

So, I hope you were not too surprised to see the proposed amendment to the By-Laws "that the dues of the Association shall be \$4.00". We have only to compare the increases in all other phases of every day living

to realize that it takes \$4.00 to do what \$3.00 would do a few years ago. If for no other reason, this would justify an increase in dues at this time . . . but we do have other good reasons in our proposed program of expansion. Please see that your delegates are informed of the wishes of your society on this matter when they attend the meeting in St. Louis.

Ah, yes . . . the meeting in St. Louis. Now, there's a pleasant subject for you lucky delegates to contemplate. The hostesses in St. Louis are ready and waiting to greet you as you will notice by their many invitations in this issue of the Journal.

It was my privilege to attend the meeting of the Ontario Dental Nurses and Assistants Association in Toronto in May, as the official representative of the A.D.A.A. This was a delightful experience and I wish to thank all of you for the pleasure of being your representative. We shall be honored to have their president, Sylvania Hazell, as our guest at the ADAA Annual Meeting. Marion Edwards, our own Honorary Member from Canada sent her love to her many friends in the States. It was wonderful to spend a few days with this enthusiastic booster for all dental assistants.

The reports I have had from all of you since the State Meetings are most encouraging. Keep up the good work . . . with Enthusiasm. I'll be seeing you in St. Louis, September 8th. Until then, I am

Most sincerely,

STEVE ANN MONTGOMERY, *President.*

THE LAW OF LITTLE BOYS

A year or so ago the Minneapolis Tribune propounded what is called the Law of Diminishing Enthusiasms in Little Boys.

This law concerns itself with little boys who come to you in November and with great enthusiasm offer for a modest sum to keep your sidewalks clear of snow all winter. That enthusiasm diminishes swiftly and the sidewalks do not get cleared.

Those same little boys will offer to mow the lawn and weed the garden all summer, also for a modest sum. It may be accepted that before July comes the little boys will become victims of the Law of Diminishing Enthusiasms in Little

Boys and lawns will not get cut and the gardens will not be weeded.

Some older people in business organizations also seem to be subject to the same law.—(From the Nashua Cavalier.)

A FRIEND

A friend is like an old song,
Grown sweeter with the years,
A friend is one who shares our joys,
And wipes away our tears.

A friend will look for goodness,
In everything we do,
A friend is one who knows our faults,
Yet finds our virtues, too.

A friend will share a crust of bread,
Or help to lift a load,
Happy, happy we who find,
Good friends along the road.

Author Unknown.

The "MUST" In Enthusiasm

By MARY FRANCIS JOINER
A. D. A. Fourth District Trustee

Presented at the annual session of the Florida State Dental Assistants Association, Jacksonville, April 21, 1952

Our President, Steve Ann Montgomery, has chosen "Enthusiasm" as our theme for this year. How she "oozes" it in her every editorial, and in her letters! In fact, she has made it so infectious, that I am hoping I can spread the germ in each state meeting that I shall attend.

ENTHUSIASM—What is it? One person says, "It is like a bottle rid of the cork". Another says, "Enthusiasm is a telescope that yanks the misty, distant future into the radiant, tangible present." Someone has said that "The word enthusiasm is not to be found in our English New Testament, nor in the Greek Testament (tho' a Greek word in origin). The reason, they say, is because it 'had unsavory associations.' Enthusiasm in the pagan world was an ecstasy, or divine possession, and the enthusiast was a fanatic, sometimes a madman".

In the speech of today, however, enthusiasm is a noble word. It is fervor of mind, ardency of spirit, exaltation of soul. It is passion, heat, fire. Such a word commands our most rapt attention—so—accepting the fact that "Words are fingers that point to the truth", I want you to join me in breaking into pieces the word "ENTHUSIASM", that we may arrive at some pertinent truths that it has for us in this day. With your minds eye, look at the word:

"ENTHUSIASM"

What is the first word that you see? Egotistical as we all are, isn't it the personal pronoun "I"? The 7th letter it is, and is there not some significance about that? Following *I* are the three letters *ASM*. By striking out the *S*, we have the present tense of the verb "to be" *AM*. Hence a phrase,—a great truth "I AM",—

a wonderful little verb of life,—*"I Am"*—the power of self knowledge.

I am Mary Francis Joiner. *I am* a dental assistant. *I am* a member of my local and state organization. *I am* honored to be the 4th district trustee of our National Organization, that records a membership of 6500 other "*I am*s". Take the letters in the two words and rearrange them, and we have a noun A-I-M "*aim*". To this word, add an "s", and we have "aims"—a synonym for the word "object", so we quote:

"The particular object of the Association shall be: To aid in the advancement and elevation of the dental profession by encouraging white women, employed as dental assistants in ethical dental offices, to form societies, whereby they may secure the educational advantages of lectures, clinical demonstrations, discussions, and instruction in the details of their duties; to bring to its members a realization of the responsibilities that accrue to them in their relation to the public; to inspire its members with a desire to render more efficient service, and to be truthful, honest and loyal to the profession which they serve; to create a feeling of fellowship and cooperation among its members, and promote among them a desire for mutual improvement."

Other words we find are: name, tame and shame, time, shine and mine, muse, use and misuse; hint, sent and meant; issue, tissue and thesis; these and many more, on each one of which we

could elaborate—but there is one that stands out from all the rest. One that is like unto a dynamic human being that transmits vigor and vitality to others, and it is to this one that we want to give our best attention. This four lettered word is the embodiment of my message to you this day: Must—*MUST*—Must.

In 1948, our National President, Sadie Hadley of Mass., said, "Education for Dental Assistants has become a *must*." From the beginning, this phase of our work has been emphasized and encouraged. This state meeting today is a direct outgrowth of this emphasis—for is it not one of our best mediums for instructive and informative education?

In the notice from the Certification Board in the last issue of the A.D.A.A. Journal, Ruth Doring, the chairman, writes these lines, "Education is our goal. Let us not jeopardize our position by assuming that we have arrived. There is still much to be learned." I am sure that our own Grace Robinson, who is now the efficient secretary of the Certification Board, feels the same way. "Assume" is another verb that we find in the word ENTHUSIASM,—and the word "assume" is indeed a finger that points to another great truth; namely, when once a dental assistant has assumed responsibility for her job, she is responsible for following through with it.

"Dental Assisting is our province, but Education is our goal." We *MUST* go all out for the challenge. A healthy enthusiasm will make this come true.

Since there is another "s" in the word enthusiasm, we add it to our four letter word "must", and we have the plural "MUSTS". To be a dental assistant worthy of our glorious past and gracious present, we must examine carefully some of these MUSTS:

First—

We must not only NOT let our membership decline—we must be ever on the alert to gain new members.

From reports that your President, Lucy

Andrews, has sent me, your Membership Chairman has been working hard, so that either by person or by mail, literature about the A.D.A.A. has been placed in the hands of all non-members, and that follow-up letters are planned, so that your membership for 1952 will go well over the 300 mark. And for this, you are to be congratulated—but is it time to stop and rest on your laurels? No, indeed! There are yet many members in Florida to gain. Remember our slogan: "Membership through Friendship". A good idea, I think, is for "You to win the one next to you, and I will win the one next to me, and in no time at all,—we'll have them all,—so win them, win them,—one by one".

Second—

We must be diligent in our efforts to stay prepared to serve efficiently as dental assistants.

A lot depends on our physical fitness, skill, our knowledge, and our experience—but you know as well as I—a greater lot depends on our personality. Ours is a three-act play, and each of us play all the parts, as hostess in the reception room, consultant over the telephone, bookkeeper at the desk and assistant at the chair. To fill all of these capacities, there is one and only one personality whom we should try to copy, and that is the One who was at all times sincere, who had perfect poise, was always optimistic and enthusiastic, who was patience personified and courageous to the *nth* degree. That person oft times too used the word "must"—"I must be about my Father's business."—"I must preach the gospel."—"I must work." "The perfect personality is the one who in his dealings with his fellowmen, emulates the life of Christ", for "personality is only the outward expression of an inner feeling".

Third—

We must learn to live with ourselves in order that we will be better fitted to live with and for others.

I recently read of a person who while

visiting a light house, to the keeper he said:

"Are you not afraid to live here? It seems to me it is a dreadful place to be constantly in." "No," replied the man, "I am not afraid. Wife and I never think of ourselves any more. You see, we know that we are perfectly safe—but it is those that are in danger about whom we are concerned, so our minds are stayed on our lamps. We must keep them clean. We must keep the reflectors clear. We must have the lamps burning brightly all the time for the sake of others."

Fourth—

We must be good citizens in the community in which we live, doing all that we can, whenever we can, to make this a better world in which to live.

This is an age of uncertainty and dangers—depression again, war again, even the chance of civilization being destroyed by the atomic bomb threatens our sense of security. All of this is not caused by stars or sun spots—but are the direct results of how people think and act, organize and vote, get along or fail to get along among ourselves. We are a group that must be good citizens registering our convictions with a ballot. I quote:

"The ballot is the great educator, which stimulates citizens to reflect on public problems, public welfare and public characters."

Fifth—

We must be the best of whatever we are:

"If you can't be a pine on the top of the hill,

Be a scrub in the valley, but be
The best little scrub by the side of
the rill

Be a bush if you can't be a tree.

If you can't be a bush, be a bit of
grass,

And some highway happier make;
If you can't be a muskie, then just
be a bass—

But be the liveliest bass in the lake.

We can't all be captains, we've got
to be crew

There's something for all of us here.
There's big work to do and there's
lesser to do,

And the task we must do is near.

If you can't be a highway, then just
be a trail,

If you can't be the sun, be a star;
It isn't by the size that you win or
fail—

Be the best of whatever you are!"

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The last letter of ENTHUSIASM is M.

The first letter of ENTHUSIASM is E.

The two together spells ME.

I close with this,—Meet ME in St.
Louis, September 8-11.

TEN WAYS TO KILL A SOCIETY

1. Don't come to the meetings.
2. If you do, come late.
3. If weather doesn't suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you do attend a meeting, find fault with the Officers and members.
5. Never accept an office, it is easier to criticize than to work.
6. Be annoyed if you are not appointed to a committee. If you are, don't attend committee meetings.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell her you have nothing to say. After the meeting tell everyone how things should be done.
8. Do nothing more than is absolutely necessary. When other members unselfishly use their ability to help, howl that the society is run by the "clique."
9. Hold back your payment of dues as long as possible.
10. Don't bother about getting new members, if you do be sure they are not desirable.

Exchange

The Dental Assistant's Role in

BUDGET PLAN DENTISTRY

by A. M. THOMPSON

Too often in an article of this nature the assumption is that the reader is completely familiar with the writer's concept of certain key words—for example, in this case, "budget plan dentistry." These three words, each alone, are completely familiar, yet throughout the years the expression has been tinted until today its hue is variable.

Thus, Budget plan dentistry has a kaleidoscopic meaning. There is one meaning that refers to the patient's own budgeting independently of an arrangement with the dentist. Take Mrs. Doe, for example, who decides to put aside two, five, ten or so dollars a week or month in order to take care of her own dentistry or that of her family. We are not concerned in

this article with this kind of budget plan dentistry.

To some the application of the open account method of paying over a period of time is budget plan dentistry. That is, the usual monthly bill for services rendered is spread over a number of weeks or months in a manner financially comfortable (or uncomfortable) to the patient and satisfactory (or unsatisfactory) to the dentist. This highly informal arrangement may not work out as well as the dentist might have hoped it would in the beginning. Yet, many practices employ this type of "budget plan" dentistry, regardless of collection losses.

The kind of budget plan dentistry under discussion here and considering its most highly developed concept, is that in which a formal written arrangement is made between the patient and the dentist. The patient and the doctor agree to things in writing. The dentist agrees to do certain dentistry for the patient and the patient agrees to pay the dentist for this work under a definite PLAN to which the patient agrees when the dentistry is started. Usually there is a down payment and the balance to be paid is spread over a period of time, normally in equal payments in amounts that do not overburden the patient's pocketbook. These payments automatically become a part of the patient's personal budgeting.

Written budget plan agreements can be made between the dentist and the patient with no third or outside party entering into the picture. However, wiser dentists prefer to make the agreement more business-like and effective by calling in a third party. You will learn why later. This third party can be a company which specializes in handling budget plans, a bank or similar institution. In

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His company has been supplying complete practice management systems for many years, but budget plans for dental patients were the nucleus of Professional Budget Plan's start. Hence, with this background of budget dentistry from which to draw his information, Mr. Thompson's article can be none other than authoritative.

any case you use the third party to show the patient that you are business like, intend to do business and act more like a business concern and less like a charitable institution. Yet, you shouldn't make the mistake of frightening the patient away by carrying on like that fellow, Scrooge!

This is where you, the dental assistant, enter the scene. In a paractice which offers budget plan dentistry it is the assistant who must carry this part of the load. The doctor examines the patient, presents the case to the patient, quotes the fee and has the patient see the assistant to arrange the manner in which the dentistry is to be paid. The ball is tossed to you, and it is up to you to go all the way to a touchdown!

Depending on how you handle the situation, the patient either accepts mutual arrangements or refuses to go ahead with the dentistry recommended by the doctor. In other words, the responsibility is yours. Indifferent handling of patient accounts can mean losses of income, production, patients and general good will—all highly valuable to building a successful practice and keeping it successful!

This success must be based on the patient's viewpoint. We know that a patient can be educated to accept complete dentistry through effective case presentation. Yet, we also know that it is not enough to convince the patient to have complete dentistry done without giving him a means with which to pay for the work. So a budget plan is offered to the patient, and the patient is relieved to learn that he not only can get his mouth back to a good state of health but he also is happy to learn that a means for paying is provided. Certainly, this is a practice builder—and not only in the specific case of the patient in question. He is pleased. Hence, he refers other people to you. There are many instances where whole families are having complete dentistry done, and this would be impossible in many instances unless the dentist provides a budget plan.

As you see, the right kind of follow-

through on your part can mean more production, more patients, more good will and more income. For you this can mean a larger salary, for, by playing your part as you should, you will be entitled to more salary in a large income practice. You will feel more a part of the practice—more a member of a dental team rather than a dismal office drudge.

Why does the doctor turn the patient over to you for budget plan arrangements? Simply because he wants to divorce his dentistry, his technique, from the incompatible but necessary financial arrangements. To the patient he is a doctor, a healer, a man who primarily is concerned with relieving pain and restoring oral efficiency. His recommendations are made in the best interests of the patient from his viewpoint as a dentist. Some dentists find it absolutely impossible to talk of dentistry in terms of dollars. Almost all find it difficult, even embarrassing.

Actually, you act as an intermediate "third party." As the doctor's assistant you create a favorable environment in which to talk of money, of arrangements for paying to have the work done. It is up to you to supply the right kind of atmosphere for the patient—through the words you use, your tone of voice and your attitude in general. Certainly you must not be arbitrary. In the patient's mind the dentistry is the thing. Paying for it is secondary at the moment. You cannot afford to be arbitrary. You cannot read the patient's mind or his pocketbook. Rather, you give the patient a number of choices in the way the bill is to be taken care of, bearing in mind that the arrangements must be satisfactory to BOTH the patient and the doctor.

Our company recommends that budget plan users offer three ways of paying for the work to be done. (1) An initial payment and an amount each week, every two weeks or once a month over a period of time. (2) An initial payment and the balance later, approximately when the work is completed. (3) Or all when the

work is started. The great majority of patients choose the first of the three. In no case is it recommended that the patient be overburdened with payments in amounts that make it difficult for him to keep them up. This leads to discouragement on his part and this is the most frequent cause of delinquent accounts.

Properly impressed, the patient will make his payments as agreed in writing on a contract, supplied by the third party, with no further trouble. However, in order to properly impress the patient, it is necessary that the third party acknowledge the contract, so you, the assistant, must inform the third party of the contract. Having received the information from you, the third party writes to the patient and acknowledges the contract between the patient and the doctor.

Besides establishing the third party relationship in writing, this acknowledgment makes it possible for the third party to follow through, at your request, if a payment should become delinquent. Again, this arrangement relieves the dentist of embarrassment. If a collection letter is needed, it comes from the third party, not from the doctor. As you see, the third party acts as a kind of "whipping boy" when it comes to collections.

Yet, success in collections does not come without you, the assistant, playing your role properly. You must constantly watch the accounts and let none get behind in payments. Even if the payment is but one day delinquent it is up to you to get the third party psychology going and call the patient to remind him of the overdue payment. If your telephone calls do not prove effective, get a notice out to your third party and request a collection letter. In other words, nip delinquency in the bud! Laxity on your part will mean more collection problems piling up more and more until your collection system is completely demoralized—to say nothing about you and the doctor being upset.

Without a doubt, your part in budget plan dentistry is extremely important.

A FEW TEETH

By EDGAR A. GUEST

The dentist tinkered day by day,
with wax and sticky gum;
He built a model out of clay
And shaped it with his thumb.

He made a man a lovely plate,
With three teeth in a row,
And bars of gold to keep them straight,
Then said: "They'll never show."

"Go forth," the dentist told the man,
"As proud as you can be,
Those teeth are perfect. No one can
tell they were bought from me.

Why I, by whom the work was wrought,
the truth had never known.
Were you a stranger I'd have thought
those teeth were all your own."

While going out he bumped a Miss.
"Excuse me please," he said.
The lady smiled to hear him hiss—
His cheeks went flaming red.

He met a friend upon the street,
Who joined him for a walk
And said: "Let's go where we can eat,
and have a quiet talk."

"I'd rather walk," the man exclaimed.
"I'll stay upon the street,
For with you I should be ashamed
to eat tholid food to eat."

"New teeth" the friend remarked, and
low the troubled man said: "Yeth!
My dentith thwore you'd never know.
However did you gueth?"

Submitted by Barbara La Dew

True, the dentist could function without your help—but not as successfully as with it! He is a better dentist with your aid, for he is free to live with the technical side of dentistry and avoid the discordant anxieties of financial arrangements which he should delegate to you—his business manager.

BUILD FOR TOMORROW

By NITA BROWNING

A.D.A.A. Tenth District Trustee

There is an inherent devotion in the hearts of Americans for its Pioneers. The very mention of the word "pioneers" brings to mind some phase of American History peculiar to the individual's own cast of thoughts whether it is the glorious history of early Texans so vividly portrayed in the Spirit of the Alamo, or the fatiguing trek of the Mormon Pioneers across the country to the Utah Valleys. America is in reality a country imbued with the pioneers' instincts. Perhaps it is because ours is a Young Nation born of a desire for Freedom and perpetuated by a desire for security and a Democratic way of life.

From the nucleus of Plymouth Rock, the cell of Pioneering expanded across our Country until frontier after frontier was pushed back to the Pacific Ocean. Each pioneering enterprise was motivated by some desire peculiar to its immediate needs. Freedom of worship was planted on Plymouth Rock, and our Forefathers, in forming our Constitution were motivated by Faith in God, and a desire to lay the foundations of our civil liberties on the premise that man was entitled to "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness". Thus faith has brought a new Nation into what we call America today.

The lapse of time and the devastations of war have wrought changes from time to time in our National life and our individual existence. There have been many discouraging influences to impede the progress of our Pioneer ideals, and plant the seeds of malcontent among our people. Indeed, foreign countries have exerted influences to destroy our way of life, but we're *still* a Democracy, and God grant that this cauldron called the Melting Pot of the World may be heated by the fires of Freedom, Justice, Love-of-Country, and Faith in God that such in-

fluences as communism, atheism, pessimism, and all other "isms" which are contradictory to our way of life, may be poured off in the slag of their own corruption and leave the clean alloy that must be ours.

Let us not lose faith because the world is beset with so many evil influences. As our pioneers were often confronted with epidemics of disease, so has the world been harassed by epidemics of selfish adherents of diseased philosophies and corruption too numerous to mention. But as our Pioneers, with Faith too deeply rooted to be discouraged by the vicissitudes of misfortune, overcame handicaps to progress, so can we, stamp out the parasites of our National economy and forever assure our heritage of Free enterprise and democratic principles, its rightful place in the world, and thus guide other nations to our way of life and again bring good will among inhabitants of the world!

One of the most important and useful weapons we Americans have inherited from our National Pioneers is Freedom of Speech. But how we have neglected it's use! When one thinks of certain foreign countries and how Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion, and Freedom of the Press are strangled by dictatorial powers, one must surely make comparisons, and realize the value of this great American heritage. Certain citizens—if they can be called such—in some foreign countries *do* have freedom of thought—simply because they cannot be controlled. But they *cannot express their thought!* Americans can, and do, express their thoughts but all too often expressions of thought are not directed in the right channels. How many of us have ever sent letters to her legislative representatives? True, we have all expressed

our opinions on the short-comings of our Governmental agencies—by way of the "cracker-barrel" forum, but obviously that is not the most effective way to produce reforms. "A straight line is the shortest distance between two points", so take the short-cut and write direct to your congressman. Don't wait for George to do it —Do it yourself! Do it NOW! (Anyhow, George may be on the Government payroll himself)

The American Form of Government is a Representative form of Government; those who framed our constitution did so with the idea that the individual citizen would have a voice in the Government through that individual's representative. Americans are privileged to exercise their right of franchise—yet at the last National election only 40% of our voting population exercised that right. That is *not* in keeping with the ideals of our Pioneer philosophy. It is our duty as citizens to study trends of thought and arrive at an understanding before we vote, then follow up with demands for a proper fulfillment by our representatives.

The great Chinese philosopher Confucius so aptly stated: "Study without thought is vain; thought without study is dangerous" and "to know what we know and know what we do not know is understanding."

As workers in a branch of the healing arts profession, it is our duty to exert our best efforts toward protecting the professions from the ravages of socialism—sorry examples of which we see in the socialistic nations throughout the world. We can do this by taking an active and intelligent part in the national politics, understand the issues, then exercise our right of franchise. Ours is the best government on the face of the earth—it is up to each one of us to preserve it!

Now, let us give some thought to Pioneering in our own field of endeavor. We are indeed pioneers in our profession as dental assistants. The dental Assistant is an auxiliary of the dental profession, born of the demands made by the business

term: Supply and Demand. Dentistry itself is a comparatively young profession, coming into recognition a little over a half century ago. Because it has to do with a part of the human body, it must be considered as a branch of the noble science of medicine.

When dentistry came in to being among the Healing Arts, dentists entered practice with little or no training and worked with no assistants. Little consideration was given to sanitation or asepsis. With the advent of more advanced techniques in restorative dentistry, together with educational requirements and progressive ambitions on the part of the more altruistic dentists, the dental craftsman became what we now consider a dentist. Business sense and economic foresight prompted his employing an Assistant. His office immediately assumed a "Clean" look because his assistant was a woman. Thus was born the dental assistant. Her status at first was that of a female servant, but progress continues, dentistry became a science instead of a trade, and the dental assistant became more and more important and through higher education and standardized training, she now takes her enviable place as a full fledged auxiliary. She has established "her place" in dentistry, and it naturally follows that progress must continue and she must keep pace with the dental profession. The work has just begun!

It took the nursing profession over fifty years to achieve registration. Already we have certification which is a great step forward in standardized, universal education. Let us build for tomorrow, and visualize the time when registration of all dental assistants will be a reality.

As pioneers we have met with many circumstances which have challenged our place in dentistry and militated against our progress, but by faith, firmly established, and deaf to the siren tones of discouragement, we are safely on our way

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NEWS ITEMS from A.D.A.A. Central Office

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La Porte, Indiana

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We are pleased to announce that work toward an intensive membership drive of national scope, using The Dental Assistant as a feature thereof, has been started. The A. D. A. A. Membership Committee Chairman, Officers and Editor have been mapping plans for this project for some time. It will be a long range program, and requires much time and effort in setting it up to obtain the desired results.

In July the A. D. A. A., in cooperation with the American Dental Association, is making a survey of all dental assistants employed by members of the A. D. A. A. A questionnaire prepared by the A. D. A. A. will be included with the July issue of the A. D. A. Information Bulletin.

We urge you to cooperate by watching the mails for this letter. When it arrives please call it to the attention of your Doctor immediately. Be sure also that you fill in the card that is included for your attention, and mail it immediately. You can also assist by calling this to the attention of assistants in your town whom you know, and who are not members of the ADAA.

It is estimated that there are 55,200 assistants in the United States employed by members of the A. D. A. A. The present membership of ADAA is 6400. These figures clearly indicate the need for more concentrated effort on the part of every member toward increasing the membership of the ADAA. Now is the time to get busy in that direction. We are depending on you to cooperate 100 percent.

CONVENTION

By the time the readers see this the annual meeting will be less than sixty days

away. May we remind you that there is yet time to make your reservations for this meeting. It is important that you not delay longer, however, if you hope to get the reservation of your choice.

This issue of the journal carries a list of proposed amendments to the ADAA By-Laws to be brought before the House of Delegates at the Annual Meeting in St. Louis, September 8th-11th, 1952. It is expected that each society will study these proposed amendments, and see that the delegates who will represent them, are instructed as to their wishes.

Delegates and Alternates to the Convention will receive their Credential Cards from their State Secretaries the latter part of August. These must be presented at the Registration Desk in St. Louis.

A copy of the Official Program will be sent to the President of each State Association and each local society. This will be of interest to each member.

LOYALTY TROPHY

The Angelo Chiavaro Loyal Assistant Trophy will be presented to the member of the A. D. A. A. present at the Annual Meeting who submits the longest record of consecutive employment with one employer, (provided that she has not previously received this Trophy). A certificate, giving date of original employment, attested by the employer, President and Secretary of her local association, and stating that she has been a member of the A. D. A. A. for at least two years, must be notarized. The Certificates may be mailed to the Executive Secretary up to August 20th, thereafter, they are to be

turned over to her no later than Monday, September 8th, 1952, at 5:00 P. M.

YOUR JOURNAL

Have you noted the recent change in the Editor of the Views of the News department of The Dental Assistant? (See contents page of this issue).

It is important that you send your material for the journal to the correct person, and in correct form. Articles, pictures and checks for pictures are to be sent to the Editor of The Dental Assistant. The price for a full page picture is \$10.25; 1/2 page \$7.35; 1/4 page \$6.10. Make checks payable to The Dental Assistant. Send outside subscriptions, and change of your mailing address to the Subscription Manager.

Material for printing should be double spaced, written on one side of the paper only. Original copies are preferable. When sending news for the Views of the News Department please cut social news to a bare minimum. Send the names of newly elected Officers to the ADA Executive Secretary. Deadline dates for material to reach the Editor of Views of the News are: the 15th day of January, March, May, July, September and November! For the Editor: the 25th day of the same months. Remember, material sent the 25th of January appears in the March-April issue, and so on throughout the year. This will be helpful to you in keeping your news current, it will also remind you to write in the past tense many times, rather than in the future or present tense.

There is on hand in central office a quantity of binders for your copies of The Dental Assistant. These attractive binders, in colors of blue and gold, will carry eighteen issues (copies for three years) of the journal. This is an excellent way to file your copies neatly, and to keep them handy for reference. The price of the binder is \$2.00. Place your order through the central office, addressing it to the Subscription Manager. Make your checks payable to The Dental Assistant.

THE PRESIDENT

As this goes to press President Montgomery has recently returned home from attending the Iowa State Dental Assistants Association meeting held in Des Moines, and the Canadian Dental Nurses' and Assistants' annual meeting in Toronto. At the latter she served as the A. D. A. A. Representative. Enroute home she stopped over in St. Louis to meet with members of the A. D. A. A. Finance Committee, and members of the A. D. A. A. Certification Board to discuss administrative matters. While there a meeting was also held with the Convention Arrangements Committee to discuss final plans for the convention.

BUILD FOR TOMORROW

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to ultimate success if we work individually and collectively toward that end!

We have attained dignified recognition by the leaders of American dentistry, which means the leaders of dentistry in the world, and nothing can impede our progress except our own indifference. One must first learn before one can teach, and "he who keeps the old a kindle and adds new light and knowledge, is fitted to be a teacher".

Good will is paramount in organizational work. Good will, one with another, as individuals, between component and constituent groups, will go far to promote unanimity among our members, and will, without fail, bring success. And, as Francis Cartwright said, "Success is a continuous journey, never a destination." So —Let us Build for Tomorrow!

Good character is that quality which makes one dependable whether being watched or not, which makes one truthful when it is to one's advantage to be a little less than truthful, which makes one courageous when faced with great obstacles, which endows one with the firmness of wise self-discipline.

—ARTHUR S. ADAMS

Secretary's Corner . . .

By MARY L. MARTIN,
Executive Secretary

410 First National Bank Bldg.,
La Porte, Indiana

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The usual listing of changes of officers of state associations and local societies is not given in this issue, because a new Directory of Officers is now being compiled and will be distributed to all societies (in care of the President) within the next few weeks.

NEW AND REORGANIZED SOCIETIES

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA — San Mateo D.A.A.—Pres. Juanita Pfeiffer, 155 No. El Camino Real, Apt. 27, San Mateo; Sec. Jean Cronkite, 338 B North San Mateo Drive, San Mateo.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA — Ventura County D.A.A.—Pres. Jeanne Gardner, 25 W. Short St., Oakview; Sec. Simiko Yanaginuma, 519 W. 9th St., Oxnard.

IDAHO—Southwestern Idaho D.A.A.—Pres. Anna Belle Grooms, 6418 York, Boise; Sec. Avis Rossow, Box 267, Meridian.

PENNSYLVANIA — Harrisburg D.A.A.—Pres. Minerva E. Adams, 63 W. Pomfret St., Carlisle; Sec. Beulah M. Grove, 450 Cumberland St., Lebanon.

TEXAS—Piney Woods D.A.A.—Pres. Dell McCormick, P. O. Box 29, Nacogdoches; Sec. Louise Huffine, Route 1, Box 35, Burke.

WASHINGTON — Vancouver District D.A.S.—Pres. Bernice Abernathy, 3430 East 21st. St., Vancouver; Sec. Shirlee Johnson, 1001 West 13th Street, Vancouver.

THE JULIETTE A. SOUTHARD

SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE

During our meeting in Washington, D. C. the delegates listened attentively to both the old rules pertaining to our Scholarship Fund Awards, and the proposed rules given by the committee in charge. These changes were approved, and this year they have been put into effect.

We feel that the membership as a whole might be interested in the outcome of this work, and perhaps might enjoy reading a brief history of our fund.

Interest has been keen, both by the schools and students enrolled therein. Nine of the eleven approved schools sent correspondence in regard to the award and applicants. Eighteen from seven of the approved assistant schools applied for the \$100.00 cash award.

These applicants are judged on the following basis: Scholarship 50%, this is an average of all their grades in college. The committee has a scale for its use in judging these; Citizenship 10%, basic need 10%; character 30%. On the latter three, applicants are judged through letters of reference they are required to send, written reason for applying, and interest in dental assisting. The letters of reference must include one from a member of their school staff, a member of the American Dental Association, and one from a person of her own choice.

This year brought forth not only the largest number ever to apply but also some most interesting personalities, all worthy of consideration. Among those

applying were the wives of two dental students, and a foreign exchange student. I assure you the committee is concentrating keenly on the selection of the one most worthy of the award. We only wish we had more than one award to present.

This fund originated in 1930 when Grace Benshaw, of Cincinnati, Ohio, at the annual meeting in Denver, Colorado proposed to establish a Scholarship Fund from a gift given to the association the year before at the fifth annual meeting in Washington, D. C. This gift had been a surprise to the association, and was presented by Mr. M. B. Massol of Oral Hygiene Publications, who was most interested in our organization. At the Denver meeting also, during the banquet, several other contributions were made. A member of the Chicago Dental Assistants Association at the time of the organization meeting, Mrs. Jessie Ellsworth Stokes, presented us with some bonds valued at about \$150.00. Mr. Massol again contributed \$100.00, as did the late Dr. Wm. O. Hulick of Cincinnati, Ohio. The fund was bequeathed \$100.00 by Aloise B. Clement of Omaha, Nebraska in 1935. Aloise served both as a member of the Board of Trustees and Treasurer from 1933 until her death in 1935. In November 1940 the Florida State Dental Assistants Association presented the fund with a check in the amount of \$25.00 in memory of our founder, Juliette A. Southard. From the estate of the late Juliette A. Southard the sum of \$100.00 was presented on February 28, 1941 by Helen H. Fitting, Executrix. Other gifts have been received from time to time, and the fund has been in active operation for several years now.

It was at the Denver meeting that the fund was officially named The Juliette A. Southard Scholarship Fund, in honor of our founder. It had been Mrs. Southard's dream that courses for dental assistants would be established in accredited colleges, and that the fund could be used to assist any of our members who needed financial assistance while

taking the course. It was to be used also to assist any of our members who desired to study dentistry. One member, the former Julia Stone of Kansas City, Kansas, had hopes of so doing in 1932, but illness and other circumstances prevented her carrying out her plans.

On behalf of the committee members, Lo Rena Kelly, Katie McConnell and myself, I would like to express our appreciation to all who cooperated in making this an eventful year in the history of the Scholarship Fund Committee. We are particularly indebted to Helen H. Fitting for the history we have given you, to several Presidents and members in various locals who worked with us in contacting the schools. Many of them spoke to the students in regard to the award and our organization. We say thank you to all of them.

If any member desires further details or information in regard to the fund, it can be obtained by writing to a member of the committee. We will be pleased to hear from you.

We will also continue to welcome contributions!

MARIE JOHNSON, *Chairman*
Juliette A. Southard Scholarship
Committee of A. D. A. A.

PRINTING

Henry P. Porter wrote: "Printing is a good business. It is clean, honorable, respectable. It is celebrated as a trainer of men for higher stations in life. It has many inspiring traditions and legends. It combines the need for knowledge of everything under the sun: mathematics, mechanics, language, spelling, grammar, color, composition, salesmanship, there is indeed no limit to the accomplishments that are required of a printer. The printer is brought into contact with all other vocations and professions. No vocation or profession can really exist without the printing press. From textbooks to novels, from pamphlets to newspapers, from tickets to tax bills, no man can evade the printed word."

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EDITORIAL

WHAT AM I GAINING FROM MY A. D. A. A. MEMBERSHIP?

By BETTY MACY, *Contributing Editor.*

This question, I am sure, has been asked by many and the answer is usually, "what are you putting into it."

For the skeptics, let's enumerate:

First: You are a member of an association, or group, that has grown from the office maid stage to an avocation that is well on its way to becoming a recognized profession.

Through the untiring efforts of many, your "Certification" was brought into being—is no longer a dream, but an actuality. Through this course many new members as well as "old timers" have not only enriched their lives, but have enhanced their position in the profession.

Second: Through all levels of meetings, national, state and local, your educational process is furthered through hearing qualified lecturers, who give us data on new and improved methods in the profession, as well as helping us to become more adequate assistants and individuals. Through competitive papers, posters and clinics, our education is even further stimulated in our endeavor to pass on to our sister assistants information we consider informative and helpful in the performance of our daily duties. This same competition helps also to develop our ability in public speaking, which embraces poise and self assurance.

Third: Your organization promotes friendship. True, at your first meeting you might feel—"this is a cold bunch of fish," but as the meeting progresses, as faces become more familiar, and a little effort on your part is put forth, you begin to realize what a truly swell bunch of "gals" they are. You find that Janie Smith has problems in her office similar to yours, and that through discussion and exchange of ideas you can often iron out these problems. You discover that Sally Jones sings wicked alto, and you love barber shop harmony. You find out Elsie Brown is the life of any party—Suzie Doe has a wonderful mind and a multitude of information and good ideas. In fact, you begin to wonder how come you didn't get into this group a long time ago—meet this "gang" sooner. You develop friendships you wouldn't trade for all the tea in China.

These are the major "receipts" you can get. How does your book balance?

A TIME TO PLAY, TO DREAM, TO DRIFT

By GLADYS HAVEY, *Contributing Editor*

They say within every one of us there is a constant tug of war between the impulse to take it easy and the taskmaster of conscience calling for determined action.

Vacation time is here, now is the time to let that impulse take over, to relax and let the will of the moment rule. Do not schedule your time, for although diversion in activities are restful if they are scheduled to fill every minute of your time you will be so physically tired and maybe mentally too, that this period will have no real value on your overall well-being.

This is the time to pursue your hobby and if you don't have one, now is the time to find one that suits you. Hobbies are broadening, they open new fields of thought, they make new friends, and best of all they give relief to mental strain and provide conversation.

So make this a period of transgression and a time for reflection, give your imagination free reign and carve yourself a wonderful vacation!

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LEST WE FORGOT

This month marked an important red-letter day on our calendar. It was on Friday this year, which provided a long week-end of relaxation for all of us. This opportunity to relax from the inevitable strain of business cares for a week-end was surely welcomed, and was no doubt refreshing and beneficial to all of us.

I am wondering, however, how many of us became so absorbed in our plans for the week-end holiday that we forgot to give any serious thought to the real significance of that important date, the fourth of July. That we were celebrating the anniversary of a day that marked the birth of a new nation. It would have been well for us to have paused and given some thought to those patriotic and fearless men whose signatures were affixed to the grandest, the bravest, the profoundest political document that was ever signed by the representatives of the people: The Declaration of Independence. It seems that in these times of uncertainty if there is anything that our minds cry out for, it is to soak our souls in patriotic words of men who thrill and stimulate us. There was nothing about those signatures to indicate the political beliefs of those signers. They were radical men, those fifty-six signers, and what they were doing that fourth day of July, 1776 was world shaking. So, being men of wisdom as well as logic, they started in by giving their reasons for what they were doing.

So, lest we forgot:

PREAMBLE TO THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

When, in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; that, to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it and to institute new government, laying

its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and, accordingly, all experience bath shown that mankind are more disposed to suffer while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such government and to provide new guards for their future security. Such has been the patent sufferance of these colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former systems of government.

HAVE YOU BEEN EXPOSED TO

Enthusiasm?

We were exposed to ENTHUSIASM when we received a letter from Vera Fuhrman, President of Washington State Dental Assistants Association, and it took effect too. Because we believe it will have the same effect on you, we decided to share it with you by printing excerpts from it in this issue.

We also believe that this idea for membership building can be used with the same degree of success in your society, and are, therefore, printing it also. Eds.

From Vera's letter:

"I am enclosing a letter which was composed by our Washington State Advisors for our recent membership campaign, and which was sent to some 1221 dentists in the state of Washington.

We are extremely proud of our "baby" for we really worked hard getting it organized, the letters mimeographed, signed, folded, stuffed, sealed, stamped and ready for mailing. The best part of it all is the response we are getting from the letter, which has been mailed only one week. We have had letters from three towns asking if they could not organize a society, or become independent members. The Seattle local has already gained four new members as a result of the letter. Including the girls who want to form

societies, I estimate we have gained about twenty-five new members in one week! I have not heard from other societies in the state, but am certain that they have had similar experiences. It appears that these girls have just been waiting to be invited to apply for membership. This letter, sent by dentists to dentists, and with the approval of the President and Secretary of the State Dental Society, seemed quite effective.

These Doctors were most cooperative in their approval of our plan. Dr. Robert J. Wallace of Seattle composed the letter, and said that he would be more than willing for it to be used by any group desiring to do so. He has been Advisor to the Seattle Society, and has aided us immeasurably in all of our work. We are most grateful to him for his interest and assistance.

At the same time this letter (letter #1) went out an additional letter was sent to the Presidents' of the fifteen Component Dental Societies asking for their cooperation in our membership drive. I am enclosing a copy of that letter also, (letter # 2)

If you see fit to print these in the journal in the hopes that it might offer assistance to other states where a membership drive is needed, we will be most

happy to have you do so. It seems that if it works so well in Washington it should do the same in other states. We feel that the results we have seen already have justified the work and expense involved in sending out these letters.

I might add that we appealed to the local societies to contribute toward the expense of this campaign, which amounted to about \$70.00. They responded beautifully to this appeal, contributing about \$50.00 toward it. Each society benefitted by the gain of new members. Certainly without their help we could not have undertaken the campaign, as the treasury of the state was not such as to permit it.

I hope you will forgive me for my great pride in our project, but several of us, especially our Membership Chairman, Margaret Wesley, and I, have lost a few buttons since the results started coming in. So far we have heard only very favorable comment from our Doctors.

A more enthusiastic group than we are at present, you have never seen. If you have visions of the Washington girls hopping around on clouds, you will know that our President's theme of ENTHUSIASM is really getting results in Washington."

We haven't heard from Vera in a while now, she is probably still floating around on one of those beautiful clouds in the great Northwest, labeled "ENTHUSIASM". Following are copies of the above mentioned letters, marked "Letter #1," and Letter #2.

LETTER NO. 1

Dear Doctor:

In this letter to you and to the other doctors in the Washington State Dental Association we are making a plea for your continued aid in upholding the professional status of your Dental Assistant.

At the present time our greatest need is a larger membership and the solution of that problem can come only with the assistance and sanction of the members of the ethical Dental Societies.

In the State of Washington there are nearly a thousand girls assisting in dental offices. Our membership at present is less than two hundred!

Permit us to remind you of the fact that everything about your office is conducted on an ethical basis. Your supplies are purchased from an ethical supply house. Your Laboratory work is done in an ethical laboratory. Your technique and procedures are all based upon approved, ethical precepts. You, yourself, belong to an Association of ethical dentists.

If the girl who assists you is not a member of one of our component societies, it will be for our mutual benefit if you will advise and urge her to join.

"We have much to offer!

We have an educational program that brings information to our members that they would not receive otherwise.

We have the advantages resulting from exchanges of ideas, even as you doctors do at your meetings.

We have a course of certification in which our members learn the things which enable them to approach their occupation intelligently.

Not the least of the advantages is this: No girl belonging to the Washington State Dental Assistants Association will join a Union!

We consider our calling as a profession and as such we can restrain the encroachments of unionism upon the healing arts.

Our success as an organization is absolutely dependent upon the favorable attitude of the members of the Washington State Dental Association. We appeal to you, Doctor, to help us!

If your Assistant has not yet joined us, please urge her to do so!

We have Dental Assistant Societies in Seattle, Spokane, Tacoma, Yakima, Everett, Pasco and Bremerton. If, because of distance, it is not convenient for your assistant to join one of these groups she could become an independent member of the State and National Associations.

If, however, she is one of several as-

sistants in an area, or in a city where there is no Dental Assistant Society, a new component could be organized. In this event the girls could depend upon the enthusiastic cooperation of the State Association. The procedure then would be to contact our State President, Mrs. Vera Fuhrman, who will be glad to aid them in getting established.

Yours very truly,

**WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL
ASSISTANTS' ADVISORY COM.**

DR. DONALD G. TORAAASON, Chairman

DR. ROBERT J. WALLACE

DR. PAUL W. NELSON

(Names and addresses of local Dental Assistants Societies listed here.)

LETTER NO. 2

Dear Doctor:

It lies within your power to be of great assistance to our organization, the Washington State Dental Assistants Association. It is to the ultimate benefit of the entire dental profession of the State of Washington if you will aid us.

The benefits we have to offer are idealism, stability and greater efficiency in the girls who assist in dental offices.

We need a greater membership. At present there are less than 20% of the girls working with ethical dentists who

belong to our Association. It is obvious that with a larger membership our organization will be more effective and because of the fact of mutual benefit, we are appealing to you to act in your capacity as President on our behalf.

May we cite to you the example of the Kitsap County Dental Society. They have made a recommendation that each member urge his assistant to join the local Dental Assistants Society, particularly when she first begins work for him.

Would you please aid us by making some comment, or a series of comments from the chair; and by urging that favorable legislation or resolution be made by your society?

Our Association is making a vigorous effort to gain new members. If you and other doctors in high positions in the Society are willing to use your influence for us, our program is bound to be successful.

Very truly yours,

**DENTAL ASSISTANTS ADVISORY
COMMITTEE.**

DR. DONALD G. TORAAASON, Chairman

DR. ROBERT J. WALLACE

DR. PAUL W. NELSON

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ADAA BY-LAWS

*To be brought before the House of Delegates at the annual meeting
to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, September 8-11, 1952.*

1. ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Section 1, paragraph 2. Amend to read: She shall appoint Convention Committees and other special committees as needed.

2. ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF OFFICERS. Section 4. TREASURER. Amend to read: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all monies, securities and deeds belonging to the Association and

shall hold them subject to the direction of the Board of Trustees. She shall be included in the blanket bond which covers the employees and Officers of the American Dental Assistants Association.

She shall disburse funds only upon the receipt of properly signed vouchers. Delete the following sentence, "The accounts of the Treasurer shall be audited at least annually". This is covered in Article VIII, Sec. 9.

3. ARTICLE VIII. BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Section 1. Amend to read: The Board of Trustees shall consist of the Immediate Past President, President, three Vice-Presidents, General Secretary, Treasurer, Chairman of the Past Presidents' Council, and the eleven elected Trustees.

The Board of Trustees shall appoint the Editor of The Dental Assistant to serve for a period of one year. The Editor shall appoint the members of the Journal Staff, with the approval of the President and General Secretary.

The Business Manager of the Journal shall give a financial report of the Journal Fund to the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting. The Editor of the Journal and the Business Manager of the Journal shall be included in the blanket bond which covers the employees and Officers of the American Dental Assistants Association.

4. ARTICLE VIII. Section 9. Amend to read: The Board of Trustees shall have the accounts of the Association audited annually, or oftener if deemed necessary, and shall make an annual report of them to the House of Delegates.

5. ARTICLE IX. EMPLOYEES. Section 1. Amend to read: There shall be employed an Executive Secretary and if/or when necessary, other employees whose duties shall be to carry out the details of the General Secretary's Department, and perform any other duties that may be designated by the House of Delegates or the Board of Trustees. The Executive Secretary and other employees shall be employed by the Board of Trustees who shall determine the amount of salary to be paid said employees. The Exec-

utive Secretary shall supervise and be responsible for the duties assigned to the employees of the Central Office. All employees of the Central Office shall be included in the blanket bond which covers all employees and Officers of the American Dental Assistants Association.

The General Secretary may delete as many of her prescribed duties to the employees as she deems advisable.

The Executive Secretary shall collect all dues and deposit them in a bank approved by the Board of Trustees, giving a complete and up-to-date record to the Treasurer.

6. ARTICLE X. DUES. Section 1. Amend to read: The annual dues of the American Dental Assistants Association shall be four dollars (\$4.00) payable January 1, for the ensuing year.

7. ARTICLE XI. Section 3. STANDING COMMITTEES. Delete(d) A Budget Committee.

8. ARTICLE XI. Section 7. BUDGET COMMITTEE. Delete entire section.

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It is requested by the By-Laws Committee that the Presidents of Local Societies and State Associations present this report before their respective groups prior to the annual meeting, so that the members may vote on these PROPOSED AMENDMENTS in their own societies, and that their delegates may be properly informed as to the wishes of their members, so that when these PROPOSED AMENDMENTS are brought before the House of Delegates, they will cast their ballots as the representatives of their respective societies.

Readers' Comment

"Dr. Hugo Kulstad makes many good points in his article "We Have The Answers" in the January and February issue of your journal. He makes one point, however, which cannot be left unchallenged.

Under the heading "Fantastic Scheme", Dr. Kulstad calls attention to the New Zealand dental nurse plan and states that "such a treatment program begets need for more treatment." Nothing could be further from the truth. Proof of such a statement is impossible.

New Zealand actually has a dental caries experience similar to certain of the high caries areas in this country, as for instance Massachusetts. A search for the causes of this situation must focus on diet, heredity, oral hygiene and such factors.

Dental treatment does not cause cavities; the result we look for statistically from dental treatment is a reduction in loss of teeth. This has occurred in New Zealand. Two independent surveys, one of them by Gruebbel of the American Dental Association and one by Fulton of the Children's Bureau in Washington, D. C., show a loss of permanent teeth in New Zealand children 12 to 14 years old which is only one half of the loss found in Massachusetts.

These New Zealand surveys show 53% and 86%, respectively, of all cavities in the teeth of children 12 to 14 to have been filled. This compares with only 27% of cavities filled in Massachusetts children of similar age and 26% in Ohio children. True, not all of the New Zealand fillings are perfect. Gruebbel estimates about one quarter of them to be defective in one way or another. Would a sample of the work of American dentists stand up much better? I doubt it. Even if American fillings were all of them perfect, however, the New Zealand children would still have a larger proportion of their carious teeth correctly filled.

Because the New Zealand plan involves educational methods strange to this country it has met just the sort of criticism Sister Kenny

met here when she tried to introduce new methods in the care of poliomyelitis. It disturbs me to see a leader like Dr. Kulstad joining in such criticism.

Dr. Kulstad is right that "the factors that cause dental disease must be controlled." The dental profession is strong enough, at least in this country, to make progress in both the field of prevention and in the field of treatment. Let us examine in a spirit of fairness the treatment plans used in other countries."

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"Lee Taras jolted me from a happy reverie with her comment in reference to the "grandmother clause" relative to Certification, in the May-June issue.

Reader Taras wants to take from me the distinction of having been certified under the so-called grandmother clause. I have been considering myself, "a parent once removed and improved by the removal," the envy of the garden variety of grandmothers. My rosy dreams have been shattered and a host of uneasy thoughts have come to roost in my featherhead. What are folks saying? I cannot boast of a single chick or child, will have no Mrs. on my tombstone, and some would deny my grandmother status!

Seriously though, Lee, it was Dr. Harlan H. Horner, former Secretary of the Council on Dental Education, and former head of the Board of Education for your own state of New York, a man of eminence in his field, who suggested the phrase. In his address to the House of Delegates in 1947 he referred to it several times as the "grandfather clause", a common figure of speech to describe the provision for certifying individuals who could qualify because of experience. The gender of the adjective was changed when we borrowed the phrase."

AILEEN M. FERGUSON,
THE DENTAL ASSISTANT

It's All Set!

Welcome to the Big Rally —

St. Louis, September 8-11, 1952

Missouri dental assistants are anxiously waiting for September 8-11 to arrive. Pride and enthusiasm have been stirring in our hearts since we learned that we are to be hostesses for the 28th Annual A. D. A. A. Meeting. Each member plans to make your visit her personal responsibility, so that your visit to St. Louis will be one of the "HIGHLIGHTS IN YOUR MEMORIES."

Weather

September in St. Louis may be the Indian Summer you hear about—although we can't promise you perfect weather. Ask any native St. Louisian about the weather and they will tell you, "If you don't like it just stick around, it will change!"

Dress

Dresses will be ideal for daytime wear, but be prepared for anything. You might need light weight suits or topcoat for the evenings. Of course you will want to be at your best for the tea on Sunday the 7th, so pack your glamor duds too. The Banquet honoring our President, Steve Ann Montgomery, on Tuesday evening will be a gala formal affair, but don't let the absence of evening dress keep you away.

Entertainment

Part of the entertainment will include the St. Louis Dental Society Boat Ex-

cursion and Festival on the River Front on Monday evening. Your choice of street or formal dress is acceptable for this occasion.

Transportation

The Transportation Committee has prepared a guide, which appears in this issue of the journal, to aid you in making your reservations for transportation to and from the meeting. Please feel free to contact any member of this committee for assistance.

Hotel Reservations

All functions, social and business, with the exception of the table clinics, are to be held at the Sheraton Hotel. If you have not already made your reservations we urge you to do so immediately. Remember all reservations must go through the A. D. A. Housing Bureau. Use the application blank that appeared in the May-June issue of the Dental Assistant.

Welcome

Our arms and hearts are open wide, won't you plan to be with us? We promise to do our best to make every moment of your stay the "Bestest Ever."

LOUISE BOHNY, *Chairman*
Publicity Committee.

TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

ADAA ANNUAL MEETING -

SEPTEMBER 8-11, 1952

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

NOW is the time to make your plans and reservations to attend the 28th Annual ADAA Meeting. Since St. Louis is the second largest transportation center in the United States, it would be quite impossible to give a thorough coverage of all routes into the city.

Many of the streamlined and special accommodations trains require reservations well in advance of departure. For best results contact the Passenger Agent of the individual lines, rather than depending on local ticket agents so that you may acquaint yourself with the best accommodations available to meet your needs.

The main train lines into the large connecting cities are as follows:

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD from New York, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Harrisburg, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Dayton, Columbus, Detroit, Toledo, Cincinnati and Indianapolis into St. Louis.

NEW YORK CENTRAL from Boston, New York, Albany, Buffalo, Detroit, Cleveland, Chicago, Indianapolis into St. Louis.

SOUTH EAST

L&N LINES from Atlanta, Knoxville, Nashville, Louisville, Evansville, Cincinnati into St. Louis.

ATLANTIC COASTLINES from St. Petersburg, Tampa to Atlanta via L&N into St. Louis.

SOUTH

MISSOURI PACIFIC LINES from Fort Worth, Laredo, San Antonio, Houston, Little Rock, Memphis to St. Louis,

also **TEXAS AND PACIFIC** from Dallas connection at Fort Worth into St. Louis.

ROCK ISLAND LINES from Galveston, Houston, Dallas, Topeka, Kansas City into St. Louis.

WEST

SOUTHERN PACIFIC LINES from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Ogden; **UNION PACIFIC** to Kansas City via **WABASH** into St. Louis.

WESTERN PACIFIC LINES from San Francisco, Salt Lake City via R and RG WN to Denver CB&Q into St. Louis.

NORTHWEST

GREAT NORTHERN LINES from Portland, Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane via Chicago and CB&Q into St. Louis.

UNION PACIFIC LINES from Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Boise, Cheyenne, Denver, Omaha via Kansas City and **WABASH R.R.** into St. Louis.

AIRLINES

Air transportation facilities in St. Louis rank with the finest in the U. S. Daily schedules to all metropolitan areas are normally maintained by six major airline companies; American Airlines, Inc., Chicago and Southern Air Lines, Inc., Trans-World Air Lines, Inc., Eastern Air Lines, Inc., Mid Continent Airlines, Inc., and Ozarks Airlines, Inc. Bus, limousine, and taxi service is excellent from the Airport to Downtown St. Louis.

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BUSES

Twenty-two motorbus lines operate regularly scheduled passenger routes into St. Louis. For those not located too distant from St. Louis, this is probably the least expensive form of transportation. Reservations must be made for Express Buses.

Girls, try to arrive in time for the "Tea" on Sunday afternoon, and let's all get acquainted. Here's wishing you a comfortable and happy journey.

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Submitted By: LaVerne "Pat" Wessling, Chairman, Transportation Committee.

It will be necessary to delay the mailing of the September-October issue until early in October, in order to include in it a report of the convention that will be held in September.

EXPLANATION

By Catherine Whitten

Said Mother to Timmy, who was half past three,
"Come, Dear, and go to the dentist with me."

"What's a dentist? Where's he live?
What's he do? What's his name?"

In rapid-fire order the questions they came.

"Well, first," answered Mother, "A dentist is a man

Who cares for our teeth and will do what he can

To keep them from decaying, and make them grow right,

He will fill them and clean them and polish them bright.

He lives in a house like the rest of us do.
He has a wife, and a daughter and a boy like you.

You ask what he does—why, when you get there

He settles you down in a big barber's chair.

He pumps you up high, then turns on a light

And looks at your teeth with a mirror so bright.

And if they need fixing, he does it so fast,

Though it hurts just a little, the worst is soon past.

Now, that's what he does, and his name you'll soon know,

For the children all call him the Good Doctor Joe.

And he'd be the first to say half his success

Is due to the lady in the stiff white dress.

She is hostess, receptionist, secretary, and nurse,

And it was for her that I wrote this verse."

WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS

Save your dimes and dollars and "MEET ME IN ST. LOUIE", the SHOW ME STATE is ready to show YOU a wonderful time.

The program is outstanding • The fun is varied
The city is exciting • The climate is mild
The theme is Enthusiasm and Your welcome is assured.

You are cordially invited to attend the 28th Annual Meeting of the American Dental Assistants Association at the Sheraton Hotel in St. Louis, Mo. September 8 thru 11, 1952. We will be waiting for you.

Melva Russler and Rose Barby
General Arrangements Chairmen
28th Annual A.D.A.A. Meeting

**ST. LOUIS DENTAL ASSISTANTS
ASSOCIATION WELCOMES YOU TO
THE "28th" ANNUAL A.D.A.A.
MEETING SEPT. 8-11, 1952**

Greetings gals—and salutations,
This note goes out across the nation
To remind you all of our special date—
September 8-11, A.D.A.A. Meeting
"28".

There's fun in store!—and business too!
St. Louis has wonderful plans for YOU.
This "INVITE'S" sincere—tho not the
best.

Won't you join us in the "MIDDLE
WEST"?

LAVERNE "PAT" WESSLING, PRES.
St. Louis Dental Assistants Society

Be sure to make your convention plans
to include the annual banquet, hon-
oring our president, Steve Ann Mont-
gomery. The banquet will be held
Tuesday evening, September 9th at
6:30 P. M. at the Sheraton Hotel.

The banquet committee promises good
food, good entertainment which we
know will add up to an enjoyable
evening for you. Tickets will be \$7.00
per person.

Dress will be optional. Bring your
formal or if you do not have one
bring your Sunday best. Tickets for
the banquet are limited to 400 so be
sure to make your reservations early.

Banquet Chairman
Kathryn Goller

Entertainment galore is being planned
for all of you. St. Louis—a "city of a
thousand sights" awaits you. On
Sunday afternoon a sight seeing tour
is planned for the early arrivals.
"Cruising down the river" on Monday
with all of the A.D.A.A. is a "must."
St. Louis has the most beautiful excu-
sion boat in the United States. Won-
derful dance orchestra and beautiful
dance floor.

Marjorie Johnston,
St. Louis 8, Mo.

**GREET OLD FRIENDS—
MEET NEW IN '52.**

COME TO THE OFFICIAL TEA—SUN-
DAY SEPT. 7th AT THE SHERATON
HOTEL, ST. LOUIS, MO. OPEN TO ALL
WHO REGISTER FOR THE MEETING.
A.D.A.A. HOUR—4-6 P.M. FUN—FOOD
—CONVERSATION.

Grace Roath
St. Louis 8, Mo.

Hotel Reservation Application . . .

93rd Annual Session
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September 8-11, 1952
St. Louis, Missouri

A. D. A. HOUSING BUREAU

911 Locust Street, Room 406, St. Louis 1, Missouri

INSTRUCTIONS:

Reservations for hotel accommodations may be secured by completing this application and mailing it to: A.D.A. Housing Bureau, 911 Locust Street, Room 406, St. Louis 1, Missouri.

...Be sure to indicate your arrival time in St. Louis. Reservations will be held only until 6 p.m. of the day you indicate when you will arrive in St. Louis. Failure to notify the hotel of any last minute changes in your arrival time may result in cancellation of the reservation.

Names of all persons who intend to occupy the accommodations must be listed on the application. List four choices of hotels.

Confirmation will be sent indicating which hotel has accepted the reservation.

Write the A.D.A. Housing Bureau in St. Louis if you wish to cancel the reservation or make any change in your reservation and NOT the hotel to which you were assigned.

(Please print or type)

A.D.A.

Applicant:

Name _____

(Street address) _____ (City) _____ (Zone) _____ (State) _____

Arrival in St. Louis _____ a.m. _____ p.m. Leaving _____

Accommodations:

Hotel _____ Hotel _____
(First choice) (Third choice)

Hotel _____ Hotel _____
(Second choice) (Fourth choice)

- ☐ Single occupancy, rate to range from \$ _____ to \$ _____ per day.
- ☐ Double occupancy, double bed, rate to range from \$ _____ to \$ _____ per day.
- ☐ Double occupancy, twin beds, rate to range from \$ _____ to \$ _____ per day.
- ☐ Suite of _____ rooms, including parlor, rate to range from \$ _____ to \$ _____ per day.

OCCUPANTS: (use an extra page for listing additional names if necessary).

Room will be occupied by:

(Name) _____ (Address) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____

(Name) _____ (Address) _____ (City) _____ (State) _____

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Dental Caries Experience in New Zealand Contrasted with that in Certain Parts of United States

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Gruebbel (1) (2) has described many aspects of the dental public health services in New Zealand as a result of a visit to that country in the Spring of 1950. He reports dental caries experience among 807 of the children there. Dr. John T. Fulton, Dental Services Advisor, Children's Bureau, Federal Security Agency, was in New Zealand at the same time and performed a survey (3) of 4072 school children very carefully selected so as to provide even distribution between Northern and Southern children, urban and rural children, boys and girls and finally between the different ages 7 through 14. Fulton's survey is not as yet available in the dental literature although some of his findings have appeared in the *American Journal of Public Health* (4). The purpose of this report is to make available to dentists his major findings, compare them with Gruebbel's and finally compare them with United States samples showing approximately the same DMF rate (decayed, missing and filled teeth per child). For this latter purpose several published studies (5) (6) are of interest; so also is material from the 1950 Annual Report of the Dental Division, Massachusetts Department of Public Health. William D. Wellock, Dental Director, and his associates have surveyed 19 representative Massachusetts com-

munities in the years 1947 to 1950 and their figures cover 6355 children between 7 and 14 years of age. It is particularly interesting to compare the Massachusetts samples with Fulton's New Zealand samples because parallel figures are available for the entire age range and because regional studies (7) indicate that Massachusetts has almost the highest caries rate in the United States. The striking similarity between the DMF rates at all ages in these two samples is brought out in Table I.

Table II gives caries experience figures for children 12 to 14 years of age in all the areas under consideration. Because of differences between operators and also because of the marked individual differences in dental caries experience affecting small samples of children even when they are drawn from a homogeneous group, it is dangerous to attach too much importance to small differences in the mean values for different characteristics in the surveys reported here. Total DMF counts depend a great deal upon the method of examination used, time and equipment available, and many other factors. Errors to be sure have been kept as low as possible by certain standard methods which are stated to be common to all the surveys, with the possible exception of Gruebbel's for which the examination

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TABLE I

Dental caries experience in permanent teeth among children 7 to 14 years of age.
New Zealand and Massachusetts, 1950.

Age last birthday	Decayed teeth ¹		Missing teeth		Filled teeth		DMF teeth	
	N.Z.	Mass.	N.Z. ²	Mass.	N.Z.	Mass.	N.Z.	Mass.
7	0.51	1.91	0.00	0.01	1.50	0.25	2.01	2.17
8	0.38	2.45	0.03	0.05	2.67	0.62	3.09	3.12
9	0.36	2.79	0.03	0.11	3.44	0.85	3.82	3.75
10	0.51	3.41	0.05	0.15	3.87	1.07	4.44	4.63
11	0.51	4.15	0.08	0.30	5.03	1.60	5.62	6.05
12	0.70	5.28	0.13	0.39	6.25	1.98	7.08	7.65
13	0.99	6.12	0.36	0.66	7.53	2.57	8.87	9.35
14	0.99	6.98	0.41	0.92	8.60	2.91	10.01	10.81

¹Includes teeth both decayed and previously filled.

²Includes teeth indicated for extraction.

method is not described. The common methods are: a) examinations were made with mouth mirror, explorer, and good light, b) pits and fissures showing no evidence of dental caries were not counted as caries, c) no teeth were listed in more than one category (D, M, or F), and d) except in Massachusetts, teeth indicated for extraction were listed as missing.

Rather more reliable is a comparison between the percentage composition of the various samples, and it is these percentage figures which give our best objective measures of the success of any dental treatment program. Figures for tooth mortality (missing teeth per child) have only a limited value in assessing the success of a dental treatment program. For instance, there is no credit to be gained for low tooth mortality in a population having low initial susceptibility to dental disease. When missing teeth, however, are divided by DMF teeth, a ratio results which is comparable to the fatality rates reported in medical literature (deaths from a given disease divided by cases of that disease). Dunning and Klein have called this ratio "tooth fatality rate" and discussed its applicability to dental data (8). The rate shows us by inference the proportion of affected teeth which have been saved in any given mouth and, to the extent that the individuals represented are under continuing dental care, the rate also shows us the proportion of

teeth that dentists feel deserve to remain in the mouth. It is true that the fatality rate is no more than an indirect reflection of the quality of filling work rendered. It does, however, measure the ultimate goal of dental treatment, to save teeth in the mouth.

The figures for missing teeth under the heading Percentage Composition of DMF, (Table II), are actually tooth fatality rates. New Zealand children both in Fulton's and in Gruebbel's studies, have the lowest such rates. These rates are less than half of the tooth fatality rates in any of the U. S. samples quoted. Whether this trend extends into the older age groups is one upon which we can only speculate at the present time. The only evidence we have concerning New Zealand adults is a statement made by Gruebbel (1) that 58% of the World War II recruits there were found to be wearing some type of artificial denture, 25% wearing upper and lower artificial dentures, 25% wearing either a full upper or a full lower artificial denture and 8% wearing one or two partial dentures. This material is of little value. New Zealand was seriously threatened by Japan during the recent war and probably called up men of a wide variety of ages. Even if the facts quoted by Gruebbel were typical of a young adult group, the dental caries experience of boys between 14 and 20 would have to be taken into considera-

tion together with the amount of dental care rendered to these boys by the New Zealand dentists after the termination of the school dental program. The factual evidence concerning tooth loss among children is at present a much more credible basis for estimating probable tooth loss in young adults than these data concerning the prevalence of edentulous mouths.

Further detailed study of dental caries experience in children and in young adults are needed both in New Zealand and in Massachusetts before firm general conclusions can be drawn concerning the success of dental treatment in reducing tooth loss in either area. It is hoped that new data will be forthcoming in the near future.

Another component of the DMF rate worthy of attention is the proportion of DMF teeth which have been filled. Fulton's survey shows 86% of the carious teeth in children's mouths of 12-14 years of age to have been filled. Only one of the U. S. samples shows even half as great a proportion. The Gruebbel survey shows 53% of the DMF teeth in children's mouths of 12 to 14 years old to have been filled. This proportion is also higher

than any of the proportions found in any of the United States samples.

Figures dealing with number and proportion of fillings tell us nothing about the quality of these fillings. Estimates of quality are subjective at best and Gruebbel (1) frankly recognizes their limitations. We have all seen poorly contoured, pitted or fractured amalgam fillings which have proved upon removal to have protected the underlying dentine. We have also seen fillings which presented an excellent external appearance but have failed to prevent recurrent caries. Where no other criteria are available, however, external characteristics seem as good as any upon which to estimate quality. Gruebbel has recorded his observations of 3220 fillings among New Zealand school children and noted those which showed poor restoration of tooth form, faulty margins, or fracture either of filling or surrounding tooth structure (Table 30). 27.9% of these fillings showed one or more defects. No similar studies on fillings placed by American dentists have come to this writer's attention.

If 28% of the fillings received by New Zealand children can be assumed to be defective, and none of the fillings placed

TABLE II

Dental caries experience in permanent teeth among children 12 to 14 years of age. New Zealand and certain areas in the United States.

Area	No. of Children	Teeth per child				Percentage composition of DMF			
		Decayed	Missing	Filled	DMF	Decayed	Missing	Filled	DMF
Michigan (1945—2 cities)	9641	5.31	1.16 ¹	2.83	9.31	57.1	12.5	30.4	100.0
Massachusetts (1950—19 communities)	1831	5.99	0.62	2.42	9.03	66.3	6.9	26.8	100.0
New Zealand (1950—Fulton)	1455	0.89	0.29 ¹	7.40	8.58	10.3	3.4	86.3	100.0
New Zealand (1950—Gruebbel)	326	4.45	0.31	5.40	10.16	43.8	3.0	53.2	100.0
Illinois (1940—4 cities)	1338	3.01	0.63 ¹	3.72	7.36	40.9	8.6	50.5	100.0
Ohio (1940—5 cities)	2015	4.42	0.74 ¹	1.80	6.95	63.5	10.6	25.9	100.0

¹Includes teeth indicated for extraction.

by American dentists be considered defective (the latter an almost impossibly optimistic assumption) the New Zealand children in both surveys still have more good fillings in their mouths than any of the American children of ages 12 to 14. 72% of 7.40 is 5.33 and 72% of 5.40 is 3.89. There are risks in this sort of figuring, but the risks are offset by a) the fact that the count of filled teeth is probably the most reliable component of any DMF count, and b) the fact that the comparison has been made very conservative by assuming all American fillings to have been perfect.

Discussion

Much derogatory comment has been made concerning the New Zealand public dental service in the American dental literature. This comment has been based upon impression; not until recent months have statistics been available which could be compared with confidence with similar figures in the United States. Figures alone cannot demonstrate that the New Zealand plan is one which should be explored in this country nor even that the plan is ideal in its own environment. They are, however, an important part of the picture. Without them the end result of dental treatment cannot be fully appraised. The low tooth fatality rates and high filling ratios found among New Zealand school children by both Fulton and Gruebbel constitute an important challenge to American dentistry.

Summary

Two surveys of dental caries prevalence in New Zealand school children 12 to 14 years of age are compared with four surveys from different states in the United States where somewhat similar DMF rates have been found. Among the most striking results of this comparison are:

1. Both surveys of New Zealand school children show tooth fatality rates (missing teeth divided by DMF teeth among children 12-14 years of age) less than

half as great as the lowest tooth fatality rate found in any of the United States samples.

2. Even if 28% of the fillings in the mouths of New Zealand children are assumed to be defective and none of the fillings in the mouths of the American children are assumed to be defective, the New Zealand children 12-14 years of age have received more good fillings per child than have the children in any of the American samples.

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Resume of Official Program

A.D.A.A. Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting September 8-11, 1952
 Sheraton Hotel St. Louis, Missouri.

SATURDAY, Sept. 6th Certification Examination.

SUNDAY, Sept. 7th Registration West Lounge, Main floor lobby.

1:30 P.M. Tour of the City.

4:00 P.M. Hostess Society Tea Caprice Ballroom.

MONDAY, Sept. 8th Registration West Lounge.

9:00 A.M. House of Delegates, First Session.

2:00 P.M. General Session Caprice Ballroom.

8:00 P.M. Boat Ride on the Mississippi with Dancing and Entertainment.

TUESDAY, Sept. 9th 9 A.M. Clinics with A.D.A. Auditorium.

2:00 P.M. House of Delegates, Second Session.

6:30 P.M. Reception and Banquet, honoring:

President, Steve Ann Montgomery Caprice Ballroom.

WEDNESDAY, Sept. 10th 8:30 A.M. Conference of Delegates, featuring
 Open Forum conducted by Mary Ann Whalley, 2nd Vice President ADAA,
 with speakers, Violet Crowley; Lo Rena Hunsecker; Margaret Sharp;
 Audrey Stoecker.

10:00 A.M. OFFICIAL ROLL CALL.

10:30 A.M. Balloting French Room, Sheraton Hotel.

10:30 A.M. Clinics Crystal Room, Sheraton Hotel.

2:00 P.M. Film, "Effective Utilization of Dental Assistants"
 Crystal Room.

3:30 P.M. House of Delegates, Third Session.

THURSDAY, Sept. 11th 9 A.M. House of Delegates, Fourth Session.

Presentation of Trophies and

Installation of Officers.

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MARY ANN WHALLEY, *Program Chairman*

AUDREY STOECKER, *Co-Chairman.*

Views of the NEWS

By ALBERTA REED



Striving for better education and service should be an integral part of the character of a dedicated dental assistant. Let's keep climbing! Arthur Guiterman said it this way;

*"God, give me hills to climb
And strength for climbing."*

And again, he put it this way;

*"God's Road is all uphill,
But do not tire.*

*Rejoice that we may still
Keep climbing higher."*

FIRST DISTRICT

News from New Hampshire

The New Hampshire Dental Assistants Association held their Second Capping ceremony on Wednesday, March 19, at the Manchester Country Club, Manchester, N. H. Six dental assistants had successfully completed their studies and passed their certification examination. Irene Martel was chairman for the capping ceremony. Dr. William W. Fraser conducted the Extension Course. Dr. William A. Young, President of the New Hampshire Dental Society, was the guest speaker of the evening. A reception for members and their guests followed the program. Jeanne R. Paquin, Secretary of the New Hampshire Dental Assistants Association, was reporter for this group.

News from Rhode Island

Recent meetings of the Rhode Island Dental Assistants Association have provided its members with interesting and educational programs. For instance, Dr. Archie A. Albert brought them an excellent lecture on "History of Dentistry." Posters and clinics were featured at another meeting and the winning poster was submitted by Louise Reposa, while Dorothy McGlynn presented the winning clinic. A "Get Acquainted" party was held at the home of Mrs. T. R. Boner and was enjoyed by all who attended. The annual Supper Dance was held May 10 at the Pawtucket Golf Club and the social committee was given a vote of thanks for their hard work resulting

in the complete success of the affair. The Certification Course, started last January, is now well under way and little Rhody is very proud of its class this year—forty-four students! The first phase of the course was covered by Dr. Norman H. Fortier, lecturing on dental office management and chair assisting. The present classes are being given by Dr. Charles Caldarone on dental anatomy. Reporter—Ann McDonald.

SECOND DISTRICT

News from New Jersey

The Bergen County Dental Assistants Society of Englewood, N. J., held their April meeting in the offices of Dr. E. E. Doyne. Dr. Doyne's assistant, Miss M. De Rorker, spoke on "Sterilization Techniques," stressing cleanliness in the operating room and care of instruments. At the May meeting, Dr. J. W. Toffic spoke on "X-Ray Techniques." Mary Lacks, President, reported interestingly on the State Convention. Bergen County Assistants won the Poster Award, with Hazel Groves submitting the winning poster. In June, a picnic is planned which will close their activities until autumn. Olive McDermut sent in this news.

News from New York

The Dental Assistants Society of the First District, New York, Inc., has enjoyed many fine speakers at the regular meetings each month. These speakers included Dr. Joseph H. Kauffmann, Dr. A. Berliner, Dr. M. E. Michaelson, Dr. G. Courtrade, Dr. I. R. Levy, and Dr. Harold A. Addelston whose lectures covered a wide range of subjects of interest and educational value to dental assistants. Robina A. McMurdo and Laura Browne, dental assistants, presented papers covering educational subjects. Ten graduates of the Second Extension Study Course sat for the examination for Certification on May 23, after an interesting and profitable course of study under the supervision of the Planning Committee. The Third Extension Course will begin sessions in October, also under the supervision of the Planning Committee with Dr. E. Cain, Jr., serving as Chairman. The Clinic Club, which presents table clinics at each meeting of the Society, plans to repeat its successful

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CHICAGO DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION'S FIRST CERTIFICATION CLASS.

program of the past season. The members of the Club are preparing a group of clinics on all phases of the dental assistant's work and these clinics will be presented at the Greater New York Dental Meeting scheduled for December of this year. They will also be presented at the regular meetings. In June, the annual social was held at the Three Crowns Restaurant, New York. The twenty graduates of the First Extension Course were the honored guests. This group is extending its educational program during the 1952-1953 season by adding a new series of classes beginning in October, 1952. These classes will be conducted independently of the Third Extension Course, which also begins in October, and will include instruction in the work of the dental assistant at the chair, in the laboratory, in the x-ray room, and as secretary. Also subjects of personal interest such as good grooming, make-up, care of the feet, insurance, tax records, etc., will be featured. The series will be open to members and will form an excellent basis for review for graduates of the previous Extension Courses. They also will provide an opportunity for study for those members who have not yet participated in the Certification Course. Margaret Smith, 180 West Post Road, White Plains, N. Y., will be happy to supply details of this series to all members. This group has ended its activities for the summer and will resume its regular sessions on Friday evening, October 17, at the Statler Hotel, New York City. This excellent and detailed report was received from Sylvia Danenbaum, 700 W. 175th St., New York 33, N. Y., who is Publicity Chairman for this active group.

The Nassau County Dental Assistants Society held an impressive candlelight ceremony in April when they installed their new officers for this year. On May 28, they held their annual dinner at the Valley Stream Park Inn with the president, Rosemary Salvo, presiding. They will open their next session of regular meetings next October. Juliette S. Fisher is the reporter for this group.

The Rochester Dental Assistants Society has started its first Certification Study Course and they are hard at work and determined to succeed. April brought the annual meeting for the election of officers held at the Sheraton Hotel. We send our best wishes to their first Certification Study group and to Marion M. Mardon, their Publicity Chairman.

Members of the Syracuse Dental Assistants Society will be hostesses to the out-of-town dental assistants attending the convention to be held May 12 through May 15, in conjunction with the 84th Annual Meeting of the New York State Dental Society. Headquarters will be established in the Hotel Onondaga and Chairman of hotel reservations is Grace Obert, 2225 James St., Syracuse, N. Y. Al-

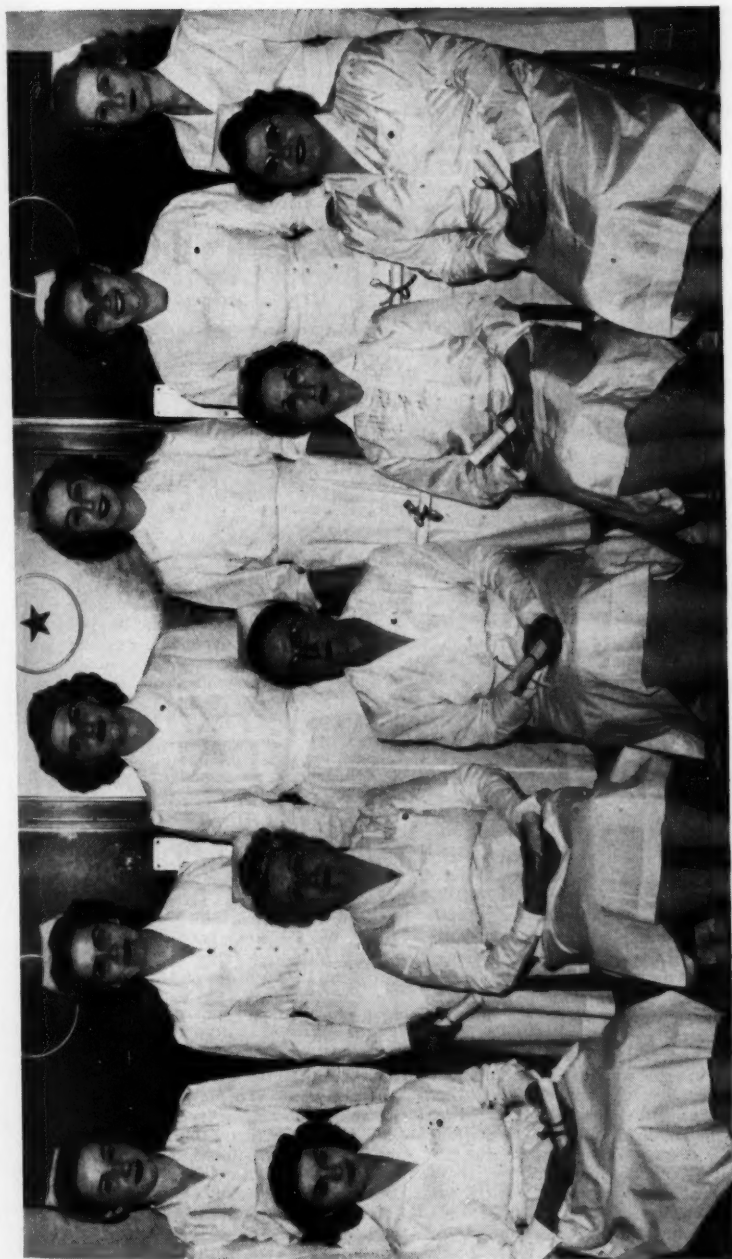
berta Spaulding, Chairman of Arrangements, will also serve as Conducting Officer at the installation of the new state officers. Katherine Hauman will preside at the Friendship Table. Madeline Porter, Chairman of the President's Luncheon to be held at the Hotel Onondaga, will be assisted by Grace Obert, Helen Sartor, and Dorothy Donnelly. The clinic entitled "Dottie the Dental Assistant" will be presented at the Hotel Syracuse by Helen Sartor and Dorothy Donnelly. Certification Examination will be held on Saturday, May 24, at the Norton-Starr, Inc., Supply Co., with Alberta Spaulding as Chairman. She will be assisted by Katherine Hauman and Delores Enmann. Three members of the Syracuse Dental Society will serve as examiners for the practical examination. The June meeting will bring the annual election of officers for the Syracuse group and their activities will come to a close in June with the annual dinner held in the Persian Terrace of Hotel Syracuse. Grace Obert, Chairman of Arrangements will be assisted by Katherine Hauman. It is to Grace that we are indebted for this fine report.

The New York State Annual Meeting was well attended by the Schenectady, First District, Second District, Elmira, Hudson Valley, Nassau County, Rochester, Syracuse, Oneida, Richmond, and Buffalo Dental Assistants. Gladys Kennedy, President, presided graciously at all meetings. The State By-Laws were revised and presented to this meeting by Lillian Couch and Fanny Cohen. Excellent reports were received on the Certification Classes being conducted by many groups. A note of sadness was introduced into the meeting with the announcement of the passing of a beloved member, Miriam Smith, and the sudden death of Dr. Leonard Kohn, lecturer and instructor for several of the Certification Courses and an ardent supporter of the dental assistants' cause. Thanks to Lee Taras of New Hyde Park, N. Y., for this report.

THIRD DISTRICT

News from Ohio

The Ohio State Dental Assistants Association held their annual Mid-Year Meeting at Buckeye Lake, Ohio, on May 24 and 25. Fifty-five members converged on Buckeye Lake from all over the state and met together in the Mayfair Room of the Buckeye Lake Hotel for dinner Saturday evening. The Amusement Midway and Vaughn Monroe in the Pier Ballroom provided the entertainment for the evening. Following breakfast on Sunday morning, a general meeting was called to order by Nan Miller, President, at ten o'clock. Katherine Hauser, First Vice President, Genevieve Knierim, Second Vice President, Anne Wetzel, Third Vice President, Margaret Lott, Secretary, and Emelia Hillrich, Treasurer, were introduced. We were honored to have Lillian



SECOND CERTIFICATION CLASS OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA ASSOCIATION. Seated, left to right: Barbara Hutton, Hazel Lupton, Crystal Pace, Thelma Bussell, Flavia Hoene. Back row, left to right: Barbara Chopson, Virginia Moore, Gloria Young, Martha Stahmer, Julia Ford, Virginia Schloot.

Hoffman, Secretary of the American Dental Assistants Association, and Helen Thomas, Member of the Certification Board, present. Alberta Reed, new Editor of the Views of The Dental Assistant, was introduced. The opportunity for presentation of problems and ideas was given the component societies and a lively discussion period followed. The Mid-Year Meeting closed with the adjournment of this general meeting.

The Akron Dental Assistants Society proudly celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary in March with a dinner at the City Club. Their doctors were invited to dinner to help them celebrate. Emelia Hillrich, President, conducted the meeting and Dr. C. T. Aumend, President of the Akron Dental Society, brought congratulatory messages from the doctors. Life Memberships were presented to Isabelle Woodward and Frances Peck by Lillian Hoffman, General Secretary of the American Dental Assistants Association. The Clinic and Achievement Trophies were awarded to Emelia Hillrich. She also received her cap and Certificate at this meeting. The Rev. A. W. Wishart, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Warren, Ohio, was guest speaker and he chose "You're The Doctor" as his subject. A brief history of the twenty-five years of growth of the Akron Society was written and read by Frances Peck. A short recognition service honoring all past presidents followed and the meeting ended with the awarding of door prizes. June 22 is the date when the Akron members waken bright and early for their annual breakfast. The committee promises a splendid program but are keeping all details secret.

The Columbus Dental Assistants Society held their annual banquet on May 20 at the Seneca Hotel, Columbus. At a beautiful candlelight ceremony, the newly elected officers were installed with Nan Miller, President of Ohio State Dental Assistants Association, serving as Installing Officer and Maxine Callander serving as Conducting Officer. Dr. Earl Lowry, President of Ohio State Dental Association, was an honored guest and spoke briefly.

The Lima, Ohio, members of Northwestern Ohio Dental Assistants Society came to the rescue of the Jay Cees in Lima recently. The Jay Cees had planned an Easter egg hunt for all the small fry of Lima in City Park on Easter afternoon. Suddenly they found they were unable to cope with the preparation and coloring of 2,000 eggs. And that was when the dental assistants stepped in and boiled the eggs, colored them, and had them ready for the big event. We've always said, "A dental assistant can do anything!"

The Dayton Dental Assistants Society met in May at which time they planned their attendance at the Mid-Year Meeting to be held at Buckeye Lake, Ohio, on May 24-25.

Mary Tollinger, President, presided at the meeting and received reports from the Hospitality Committee, the Registration Committee, and the standing committees. A welcoming ceremony for new members followed, honoring Ethel Cov, Sue Earnshaw, Dolores Happel, and Virginia Todd. Anne Wetzel, Social and Welfare Chairman, announced that the year's activities will close with the Annual Outing to be held on June 4 at Highview Terrace, Bellbrook, Ohio.

The Ohio girls send their greetings to the St. Louis girls, promising "We'll meet you in St. Louie, we'll meet you at the Sheraton!"

FOURTH DISTRICT

News from Louisiana

The Alexandria Dental Assistants Society held their monthly meeting on March 19 at the residence of Hazel Brown. Following the business meeting, the dates of the State Meeting were announced. The convention will be held in Shreveport from April 17 through April 19. Five members of the Alexandria Society will attend. This is the report of Irene Colbert.

News from Alabama

The Alabama Dental Assistants Association held their thirty-third annual meeting April 14 and 15 at the Redmont Hotel in Birmingham, Ala. The business meetings were in charge of Evelyn Stamps, President. Mary Frances Joiner, Fourth District Trustee, addressed the meeting on the subject of "Being Your Trustee." Dr. Frank Mathews of Montgomery presented his lecture entitled "The Dental Assistant's Role in Psychosomatic Dentistry." Monday evening the banquet and dance honoring President Evelyn Stamps was held in the Emerald Room. Tuesday brought the lectures of Dr. William H. Knapp of Birmingham on "Human Relations and the Dental Assistant," Dr. L. Rush Bailey on "The Dental Assistant's Role in Air Brasive Procedures," and Dr. Sidney Finn on "Water Fluoridation." Drs. Bailey and Finn are also from Birmingham. Four papers were presented, including "Diet in Relation to Dentistry" by Lorene Lairo of Montgomery, "High Tops in Dentistry" by Magdalene Livingston of Cullman, "The Child Patient" by Margaret Barnett of Cullman, and "Correct Procedure to Develop and Prolong the Life of the X-Ray Picture" by Sybil Taylor of Dothan. Table clinics were presented in the Crystal Room and included "Increasing my Efficiency as a Dental Assistant" by Annie M. Sampley of Fort Deposit, "Indirect Gold Inlays" by Opal Eaton of Hartselle, "Children in the Dental Office" by Ann Davis of Montgomery, "Assisting in Hydrocolloid Technique" by Edith Jo Herrmann of Birmingham, and "The Hygienist's Responsibility in Oral Hygiene for



1952-53 OFFICERS, ARKANSAS STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION. Front row, left to right; Jeannie Schulte, Little Rock, President. Earline Sturdivant, El Dorado, Vice-President. Back row, left to right: Marie Kent, Little Rock, Secretary-Treasurer; Barbara Odell, Fort Smith, President-Elect.

Patients" by Margaret Hodges of Birmingham. Thanks to Jean Coleman, Vice President of the Alabama State Dental Assistants Association, for this report.

News from Florida

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Florida State Dental Association was held in Jacksonville on April 20-21-22. The keynote of the meeting was "Enthusiasm" and was adopted as the theme for the coming year. This meeting was dedicated to the presidents

of the component societies for their cooperation in the progress of the State Association. Sunday morning a "Good Luck Breakfast" was held for all clinicians and the candidates for Certification. A general meeting of old friends took place during the time the Certification Examination was in progress. The entertainment program for the next two days included a tea with the Pensacola Society as hostesses, a fashion show, a hilarious skit presented by the Orlando Society, a banquet, two luncheons, and a chuck-wagon barbecue.

The gracious and charming Mary Frances Joiner, Fourth District Trustee from Georgia, was an honored guest of the convention. Irene Archambeau, President, presided at the business sessions. On Monday morning, Dr. Rupert Gillespie of West Palm Beach spoke on "Enthusiasm" and Dr. A. A. Reilly of Jacksonville spoke on "Cleft Palate Prothesis." During the afternoon session Mary Frances Joiner and Laura Alberi of St. Petersburg gave interesting reports on the National Convention held in Washington, D. C. Informative papers were prepared and given by Louise Huntsinger of Jacksonville, Ruth McDonald of Miami, Louise Johnson of Orlando, and Jeannette Michell of Miami. Clinics were given by Jessie L. Durden of Jacksonville, Betty Macy of Miami, Ruth Brush of St. Petersburg, and Barbara Barnes of Pensacola. The Monday session closed with the election of officers for the coming year. Tuesday morning, there were two challenging talks given by Dr. Gilbert DeArmas of Tampa on "Why An Assistant?" and Dr. M. C. Moore of Jacksonville on "Psychosomatic Aspects in the General Practice of Dentistry." Tuesday afternoon's session was an impressive ceremony for the installation of the new officers. Nell Touchton of Sanford served as Installing Officer, Elinor Minor as Conducting Officer, and Dorothy Floyd, Honorary Life Member, presided at the Table of Friendship. At the close of this ceremony, Ruth Walker presented Irene Archambeau with her Past President's Pin. This thirteenth annual session closed with the presentation of trophies to the following members: Posters, first to Maria Bothen of Miami for "Stop and Go" and second to Marion Grover of Jacksonville for "To Dental Health;" clinics, first to Barbara Barnes of Pensacola for "The Surgical Removal of an Impaction" and second to Jessie L. Durden of Jacksonville for "With Your Permission;" papers, first to Jeannette Michell of Miami for "Some Research Highlights on Tooth Decay" and second to Ruth Landrum of Jacksonville for "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall." The President's Plaque went to Irene Archambeau of West Palm Beach, the Cooperation Trophy to Jessie L. Durden of Jacksonville, the Achievement Trophy to Betty Macy of Miami, the Longevity Trophy to Audrey Pittman of Jacksonville, and the Membership Trophy was accepted by Grace Robinson for the Miami District Society. This inspiring and detailed report was submitted by Jessie L. Durden, Secretary of the Florida State Dental Assistants Association.

FIFTH DISTRICT

I want to express my appreciation to the Officers and members of ADAA for the many cards, gifts and letters I received during my recent illness. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated, and helped so much to make my stay

in the hospital more bearable. To my girls in Fifth District a great BIG THANK YOU for your cards, letters and flowers. I am indeed sorry that my plans to attend your state meetings did not materialize. I know your meetings were educational and constructive, and that being together and renewing friendships meant a great deal to you. It was certainly my loss that I could not be with you.

BLANCHE CARTE,
Fifth District Trustee

SIXTH DISTRICT

News from Wisconsin

The Southern Wisconsin Dental Assistants Society held their March meeting at the Capital Hotel with a dinner at 6:30 P. M. Lois Hammer and Dorothy Ryan, clinicians, presented their clinic entitled "The Dental Assistant, Her Personality and Appeal" which they will also present at the State Meeting in Milwaukee in April. The May meeting is scheduled for a dinner at the Capital Hotel with Marie Johnson, Vice President of the American Dental Assistants Association, speaking on "Parliamentary Procedure." Mickey Schantz is the reporter from this area.

News from Michigan

The annual Michigan State Dental Assistants Association convention was held April 21 through April 23 in Detroit at the Tuller and Statler Hotels. One of the high spots of this meeting was the informal dance held in the Tuller Arabian Room. All the proceeds from this dance went to the Society for Crippled Children. Another enjoyable affair was a luncheon followed by a tour of Park Davis & Company. Doris Ferry and Eve Trovarelli competently handled the arrangements for the dance and luncheon.

The Detroit Dental Assistants Society held election of officers for the coming year at their May meeting. Dr. George S. Harris was guest speaker at this meeting and chose "Orthodontics" as the subject of his lecture. On May 9 a dinner honoring Steve Ann Montgomery, President of American Dental Assistants Association, was held at the Whittier Hotel. Maye Meakin served as toastmistress for the affair and Evelyn Wagner and Jane Meagher arranged the dinner. Guest speaker was Dr. Roy W. Fonda who spoke interestingly on "Know Yourself." Dr. J. Happle kindly served as photographer at this dinner. June 3 was the date of the installation ceremony when the new officers took office. The guest speaker at this meeting was Dr. George W. Fine of Buffalo, N. Y., and he gave a splendid talk on "Patient Relations." June 21 is the date selected for the annual outing, to be held this year at Jane Meagher's Walnut Lake Cottage. This report was sent in by Sophia T. Plonecki.



NEW OFFICERS OF OREGON STATE DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION INSTALLED. Front row, left to right: Violet Lolley, 1st Vice-President; Peggy Retzer, President; Marion Olonie, Secretary; back row, left to right: Ruth Humes, Treasurer; Grace Hart, 3rd Vice-President; Marilyn Harlan, 2nd Vice-President.

News from Indiana

The Evansville Dental Assistants Society met May 5 at the New Belvedere Hotel. An impressive installation ceremony was conducted by Matilda Turley, Treasurer of Indiana State Dental Assistants Association, and Mary Martha Kremem, State Clinics Chairman. Following dinner, a short business meeting was called by the new president, Mary Cain, at which time she appointed her standing committees for the coming year. The month of June is the time for the big picnic to be held at Mesker Park. There will be plenty of food, games, and fun for all. With good wishes for a pleasant summer to all dental assistants, Lois Kelly sent this news.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

News from Oklahoma

Delores Close reports this interesting news about the Oklahoma Dental Assistants Association's Twelfth Annual Meeting. It was held in the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, Okla., April 20 through April 23. On Monday, April 21, guest speakers provided a challenging program. They were H. B. Bain, Director

of Bureau of Public Information of the American Dental Association who spoke on "Dental Public Relations" and Lucy Eagle of Henryetta, Dr. L. A. Lucas of Oklahoma City, and D. P. Brown, Vice President of Liberty National Bank & Trust Company of Oklahoma City, who spoke on "Payment Plan as Sponsored by Oklahoma State Dental Association." Tuesday morning brought interesting talks by Barbara Shaffer, dental hygienist, entitled "Message," Faye Bennet, dental assistant, entitled "Patient Education," Mabel Wachob, dental assistant, entitled "Organization," and Noveta Brown who spoke on "Delegate Report of ADAA Meeting." A film on "Salesmanship" closed this meeting. A luncheon in the East Room of the Biltmore followed with Georgia Buergey serving as Mistress of Ceremonies. The invocation was presented by Phyllis Pearson, a piano duet by Ann Robinson and Frances Keen delighted the assemblage, and Comedienne Mrs. Walter Smith inspired many laughs. Dancer Mrs. Freda Jackson's performance closed the program. Tuesday afternoon scheduled Dr. Kenneth Grove of Denver, Colo., as guest speaker and his

subject was "The Assistant's Part in Operative Dentistry." Installation of officers, in charge of Trudy Parker, 8th District Trustee, concluded this meeting. On Wednesday, the dental assistants met with the doctors and heard Dr. Cecil H. Bliss of Sioux City, Ia., speak on "The Art of Case Presentation." The dental assistants' clinicians were Audrey Thompson and Ruby Patrick.

News from Arkansas

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Arkansas State Dental Assistants Association was held in the Hotel Lafayette, Little Rock, Ark., April 6 through April 9. To the outgoing officers and committees, sincere thanks and appreciation were extended for the splendid job they did in directing one of the biggest and best conventions held in Arkansas. A reception held Sunday afternoon was well attended by doctors, their wives, dental supply houses, commercial exhibitors, laboratories, and of course, the dental assistants. Harriett Crawford, President, graciously presided at all business meetings. During the business session on Monday morning, the Association voted to make Dr. W. R. Alstadt of Little Rock an Honorary Member of the Arkansas State Dental Assistants Association. Dr. Alstadt has given much of his interest and cooperation to dental assistants interested in furthering their education and in bettering their service to community and Association. Dr. Alstadt is Trustee of the Twelfth District of the American Dental Association. Trudy Parker of Wichita, Kansas, Eighth District Trustee of the American Dental Assistants Association, was an honored guest of the convention. Dr. Ruth Martin of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., gave an interesting talk on "A Child Patient." Table clinics were held in conjunction with the doctors' clinics on Wednesday morning. This report was sent in by Wanda Spires, State Reporter for the Arkansas State Dental Assistants Association.

News from Missouri

The April meeting of the Springfield Dental Assistants Society was held in the Kentwood Arms Hotel. Dinner was followed by a business meeting. The guest speaker of the evening was Ivelia McWhorter, assistant Prosecuting Attorney, who spoke on her duties in office and described some of her interesting cases and experiences. The May meeting was also a dinner, followed by an interesting and stimulating book review of James Barry's "The Little Minister" given by Mrs. Joe Wheeler. A business meeting followed and closed the evening's program. This reporter is Grace McNerney.

The St. Louis Dental Assistants Society has had several stimulating meetings this year. Starting in January, they held a beautiful candlelight ceremony when they installed their

new officers. Grace Roath served as Conducting Officer and Audrey Stoecker as Installing Officer. In February, they heard Eugenia K. Lund, R. N., Instructor of Nursing at the Veterans Hospital, Jefferson Barracks, who spoke on the film entitled "Enemy Bacteria." She emphasized the proper technique for aseptic protection against infection for patients as well as doctors and dental assistants. In March, the meeting was held at the Sheraton Hotel and the guest speaker was Miss Ann James, a professional model. She pointed out the many things that develop from poor posture such as headaches, tired feet, backaches, etc., and demonstrated exercises to correct these faults. She also gave helpful hints for better grooming and better health. In April, Dr. Charles Waldron, Professor of Pathology at Washington University, spoke on "Differential Diagnosis of Oral Lesions" and demonstrated his lecture with colored slides. In May, Mr. John Insabella of the Jelenko Company presented an interesting clinic on "Casting Technique." Marjorie Johnston, Vice President, has started the first news letter in this society. It contains announcements of meetings, speakers, poems, jokes, helpful hints, news about members, and other bits of information. It has been received enthusiastically. This society is very proud of the fourteen new members who have joined its ranks and are happy to report that most of these girls have enrolled for the Certification Study Course. They also report that they are extremely grateful to their doctors for giving their time and effort in teaching these classes. They say that they can hardly wait for September 8-11 to arrive—their committees are hard at work to make this 28th Annual Meeting the best ever. "Plan to be with us—we promise you a wonderful time," says Gertrude Castile, St. Louis Publicity Chairman.

The Popular Bluffs Dental Assistants Society heard guest speaker, Dr. Fred Biggs, M. D., who spoke on "How to Keep Healthy." At this meeting, the resignation of Beverly Higley, Secretary-Treasurer, was accepted and Marguerite Allen was appointed to this office. An imminent visit from the stork necessitated the retirement of Beverly. The report for this group was sent in by Anne Au Buchon.

Mildred Holder, Reporter for the Kansas City Dental Assistants Society, writes that their February meeting was in the form of a card party at the Research Clinic. The committee in charge did a fine job and Mildred Holder was the auctioneer. The March meeting was held at the Pickwick Hotel with Mr. Howard Gerard as guest speaker. He chose "The Long Cone X-Ray Technique" as his subject. The April meeting was also held at the Pickwick Hotel. Betty Ann Fitzpatrick, Hazel Herrick, Berna Jane Prinderville, Dorothy Jennings, and Mildred Holder presented interesting clinics.

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A change in the By-Laws was read by Pearl Balliett.

NINTH DISTRICT

News from Washington

The Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Washington State Dental Assistants Association was held May 15 through May 17 in Seattle. Headquarters were located in the Mayflower Hotel. The House of Delegates meetings were held in the Medical and Dental Building. The Convention opened officially Thursday morning with the first House of Delegates Meeting. Thursday afternoon the General Assembly was held followed by a social hour. Friday morning brought election of officers for the coming year. A "Get Together" luncheon was held in the University Room of the Benjamin Hotel. The honored guest at this luncheon was Leona Huntley, Ninth District Trustee, and the clinicians were special guests. On Saturday, the new officers presided at the final House of Delegates Meeting. Table clinics were presented in the Spanish Ballroom of the Olympic Hotel during the afternoon. This convention closed with a splendid banquet in the Bahama Room of the Town and Country Club. Barbara Skalley was the competent Mistress of Ceremonies. The Washington State Dental Assistants Association presented Clinic Trophy Awards through Rachael Davis and the Membership Trophy was awarded by Margaret Westley. An impressive candlelight ceremony installing the new officers closed the banquet. Leona Huntley served as Installing Officer and Rachael Davis as Conducting Officer. Appreciative thanks were extended to Vera Fuhrman, President, and her officers and committees for the splendid work they did to make this meeting a real success. Ruth Lind was the reporter for this meeting.

The Everett Dental Assistants Society heard Dr. Gordon Whitcomb and his assistant, Clara Carlson, present an interesting clinic entitled "The Rubber Dam" at their April meeting. This group is working hard on membership and they urge all interested dental assistants to attend their meetings. So reports Dena Agar.

The Tacoma Dental Assistants Society held its annual "Bosses Night" Banquet on April 8. More than sixty doctors and their assistants attended the affair. The theme for the evening was "Our Night To Howl." A trio made up of LaVonne Dahl, Lucille Lentz, and Marlene Carlsen entertained the guests with several vocal numbers. Carol Lindstrom, who served as accompanist for the trio, appeared as piano soloist. The entertainment closed with the clever performance of Bill Watters, magician. Dr. Lyle Kelly, President of the Tacoma Dental Society, spoke briefly and Dr.

Kruse was the winner of the door prize. A short business meeting was called by Lorraine Morash, President, at which time the delegates to the State Meeting to be held in May were selected. They were Shirley Ashbjornsen, Colleen Dahl, and Beverly Hunter.

The Spokane Dental Assistants Society met in April at the Spokane Hotel. The doctors were the honored guests and they announced they would sponsor a bowling team for the dental assistants during the next bowling season. Marguerite McNamara was named the head of the bowling program for the group. Entertainment at this meeting was provided by Kathy Koch, accordionist, and James Bain, tap dancer. The names of the girls attending the State Meeting in Seattle in May were announced and they included Hilda Barnette, Del Carberry, Joanne Hagemann, Mae Chouard, Marguerite McNamara, and Laura Clifford. The May meeting produced an interesting lecture on "Diseases of the Mouth" by Dr. C. O. Calwell. Marguerite McNamara was the reporter for this group.

News from Oregon

The Oregon State Dental Assistants Association held its Tenth Annual Convention March 3 through March 5. Approximately 200 members and guests attended from all component societies. Dorothy Walker, President, opened the business meeting and, after roll call by Marion Olanie, Secretary, the officers' standing, and special committees' reports were received. Some of the highlights of the new business discussed and enacted were the annual past-president's luncheon to be held each June, the vote raising State dues to \$3.00, and the agreement to set aside enough funds to send a delegate to the National Meeting, effective January 1, 1953. The Portland Dental Assistants Society were hostesses for the social hour that followed. Dr. Walter T. McFall of Asheville, N. C., presented a lecture on Monday evening and chose "Who and What is a Dental Assistant?" as his subject. Tuesday's meeting at the Masonic Temple was highlighted by a talk by Dr. McFall on "Dental Economics." That evening the election of officers for the coming year was held with Shirley Ludeman, First Vice President, presiding. Following the elections, Harriett Hammon was accepted as an Honorary Life Member of the Oregon State Dental Assistants Association. A fashion show and refreshments closed this evening's activities. General Assembly was held on Wednesday with Dorothy Walker in charge. Invocation was delivered by the Rev. Mark A. Talney of the Central Presbyterian Church. Pledge to the flag was led by Shirley Ludeman and the address of welcome was extend-

ed by Dr. Leonard Davis, President of the Portland District Dental Society. Kathryn Garson, President of the Portland District Dental Assistants Society, responded graciously and greetings were received from honored guests, Dr. Willard Hurley, President of Oregon State Dental Association and Dr. Chalmer George, President-elect. Greetings were extended also by Leona Huntley, Ninth District Trustee, and Dorothy Walker, President of Oregon State Dental Assistants Association. The guest speaker for this meeting was Dr. Harold Hildenbrand, Secretary of the American Dental Association. A Dutch-treat luncheon followed with the clinicians as honored guests. The hostess for this affair was Connie Fraser. Washington State Dental Assistants Association members also attended this luncheon. The convention closed with an Open House sponsored by the Western Casting Company and a formal banquet in the Multnomah Hotel honoring Dorothy Walker. The installation ceremony for the newly elected officers followed and the meeting was closed by the new president, Peggy Retzer.

The Portland Dental Assistants Society celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary on May 13 with a banquet at the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Ore. Kathryn Garson, Retiring President, and Harriett Hammon, First President of the Portland Chapter, were the honored guests. Following the dinner the new officers were installed with an effective ceremony. Six members of this group are now eligible to be capped. They are extremely proud of Mildred Bartlett, Peggy Retzer, Violet Lolly, Phyllis Drake, Jean Buckshnis, and Shirley DeMars. Shirley and Jean, members of the Publicity Committee, sent in this report.

News from Wyoming

The Natrona County Dental Assistants Society of Casper, Wyo., has invited all dental assistants in the state for a get-together and entertainment meeting when the State Meeting is held in Casper June 26 through June 28. They promise interesting lectures, table clinics, a tea, luncheon, banquet, and dinner dance during the meeting. Seven of their members are hard at work on the Extension Study Course and we send them our encouragement and best wishes. Mildred McAlister is their reporter.

TENTH DISTRICT

News from Texas

A new local society has been organized in Texas. The Pinewood District Dental Assistants Society was organized in east Texas March 25th, with seven charter members.

Newly elected officers were installed in an Installation service in the home of Inez Crawford. In April the first meeting was held, and

Mr. Monroe of A. P. Cary Company of Houston was the guest speaker. His subject was "The Importance of a Dental Assistant." This meeting was held in Lufkin, Texas. A new member has been added since the organization of this society. Nancy Sadler and Louise Huffine attended the state meeting in Fort Worth, serving as delegates. At the May meeting Mr. McCurdy of Nacogdoches spoke to the group. His subject, "The Cooperation between the dental office and the laboratory," was of interest to all members. Plans for an Extension Study Course are under way, classes are to begin July 1st. Dell McCormack, La Verne Anderson and Louise Huffine will serve as Chairman of Committees for the course.

The Dallas County Dental Assistants Society held an interesting meeting in March with a chicken dinner at the Pully Bone. One hundred twenty members and guests gathered in the beautifully decorated dining room, bright with spring flowers. This was the occasion when the dental assistants entertained the doctors and their wives. Mary Barrow, President, called the meeting to order and greeted all members and guests. She then introduced the honored guests, Dr. W. H. Louwien, President of the Dallas County Dental Society, and Steve Ann Montgomery, President of the American Dental Assistants Association. Carol Jean Brown, Secretary, called the roll with each member responding by introducing her guests. Leta Featherstone, Program Chairman, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. W. H. Fuqua, who chose "Relation of Medicine to Dentistry" as his subject. The speaker brought out some stimulating thoughts.



This trio was snapped while at play at a western party during the recent meeting of the Texas State Dental Assistants Association in Fort Worth, Texas. Left to right: Mary Barrow, newly elected President of TSDAA, Steve Ann Montgomery, President of ADAA and Nita Browning, Tenth District Trustee of ADAA.



NEWLY CERTIFIED MEMBERS OF SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION. Top row, left to right: Beatrice Langtin, Lee Ramsey, Verna Shearer, Ruey Davidson, Ruth Flournoy, Lydia Ross, Barbara Haisington, Helene Hill, Jeanette Rohr, Helen Chorak.
 Dr. Charles Cowan (Chairman of the Co-ordinating Committee), Eva Kelly, Myrtle Royal, Charlotte Alessi, Mable Sheldon, Jerrie Silvers, Hazel Burt, Blanche Bachhuber, Ann Janus, Thelda Wilson, Dr. James Keating (Member of the Co-ordinating Committee)
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The April meeting was again held at the Pully Bone with Mary Barrow in charge of the meeting. A financial report was given by Viola Spense, Finance Chairman. She also conducted the door prize drawing. Dr. Juanita Wade contributed the prize and it was received by Cecil Cartwright. The guest speaker was Dr. Ralph Clayton who showed slides on "Atomic Energy." Election of officers closed the meeting. The May meeting of this group will include the installation of their new officers. Pauline Tomlinson of Garland, Texas, is Reporter for this group.

News from Arizona

The second annual meeting of the Arizona State Dental Assistants Association was held at the Hotel Westward Ho, Phoenix, Arizona. A very well rounded program was planned for this meeting. Members who participated in the program arrangements, and work throughout the meeting were: Betty Rockall, Mildred Clow, Elaine Springer, Joyce Pieperbrick and Joy Phillips. President Helen Gipson presided at all sessions.

Officer's reports were presented at a business session, and indicated that much work is being done by assistants in the state of Arizona. Guest speakers for the general session were Dr. W. E. Pernell, who spoke on "Implantation", and the gracious Tenth District Trustee, Nita Browning of Utah. Both provided interesting and challenging thoughts for the assistants in attendance at the meeting.

An excellent program of clinics was presented. Mr. Lou Andreatta of the J. M. Ney Company presented, "Gold Inlay Technique". Clinics by the members were in charge of the Tucson Dental Assistants Society. Beth Keith: "Pouring Models"; Mary Ormsby: "Children's Dentistry"; Gladys Dunn and Lois Billinger: "The Assistant and the Difficult Patient". Pat Patterson assisted in presenting this clinic also. It depicted a telephone conversation between the assistant and the "difficult" patient.

For entertainment during the meeting a luncheon was held at the Westward Ho Hotel. Newly elected officers were installed in an Installation Ceremony, with Nita Browning as Installing Officer and Betty Rockall as Conducting Officer.

Helen Gipson, Retiring President, gave a detailed report of the State Association. It has been organized only since January 1950, but is making rapid strides toward total organization of the state. Maricopa County, Tucson, Phoenix, Safford and Winslow dental assistants are now participating in the state program. Other areas are handicapped by the lack of the required number of assistants to form local societies. Helen Gipson extended her thanks to Mr. Harold Peterson of the Tri-State Dental Supply Company for the official programs for the meeting. Thanks were also extended to Dr.

Pernell, the Rev. Barnhill, Nita Browning and Loraine Barnhill for their contribution toward the work in arranging a successful second annual meeting of the Arizona State Dental Assistants Association.

I wish that space would permit giving you more of the inspiring report prepared in scrapbook fashion, with clippings, pictures and copy of official program, which was sent in by Helen Gipson. Good Luck to Arizona, your report spells PROGRESS!

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

News from California

The Fourth District Dental Assistants Society of Southern California has enjoyed several interesting and informative programs recently. An annual event is their party honoring all new and prospective members. This year it took the form of an Hawaiian party held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Roland Grubb of Glendale, Calif. Leis and orchids were flown from Hawaii for the honored guests. An Hawaiian dinner, buffet style, was served by Mr. and Mrs. Luckeye Lau, recent residents of Hawaii. Dr. Edward Jones, personality specialist, spoke delightfully on the subject "You." The March meeting was highlighted with the timely subject of "Cancer." The lecture of Dr. JoAnn Taylor and the films shown by Mr. E. A. Bell of the American Cancer Foundation were splendid. Cappy Urban, Chairman of the State Ways and Means Committee, and member of the Los Angeles Dental Assistants Society, was an honored guest. In April, Dr. James B. Pianfetti, instructor at the University of Southern California, presented "What the Dental Assistant Should Know about Root Therapy." An added feature of this meeting was a preview of the clinics to be presented at the Twelfth Annual State Meeting. Dr. Scott H. Miller of Van Nuys, instructor in the Extension Course, was a special guest. May brought the annual Mother's Day banquet at the Oakmont Country Club, honoring the mothers and guests of the dental assistants. The Fourth District girls are very proud of their member, Inez Huffman, local artist of Burbank, who has completed a painting entitled "Eternally Yours" as a gift to a Burbank church. Peggy Kumm Webber, Reporter, provided this news.

Barbara Palm, President of the Los Angeles Dental Assistants Society, was official hostess at the Twelfth Annual Convention of the Southern California Dental Assistants Association. This meeting was held at the Alexandria Hotel May 4 through May 6. Open forums conducted by Dr. D. B. Chatterton of San Diego, Dr. J. M. Kulstad of Pomona, and Dr. J. C. Metcalf of Alhambra were important educational features of the meet-

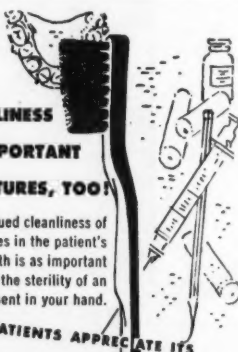


DENTAL ASSISTANTS FETED: Three dental assistants vacationing in the islands were guests of the Honolulu County Dental Assistants Association at a dinner-meeting held at Hale Nanea on May 20. Pictured with the members are, seated, left to right: Florence Kuntz, Dorothy Dravies, San Francisco District Dental Assistants Association; Mary Savary, Miami Dental Assistants Association; Dr. John Kahalenu, adviser; Mrs. Esther Caspino, president; Mrs. Christine Hulihee, president-elect; Grace Meagher, secretary, and Alice Kadekawa, treasurer.

ing. Frances Rice received the Journal Trophy, the merit for cooperation for the year. The annual brunch, given in honor of the clinicians, was also the occasion for the installation of the new State officers. A dinner dance held at the Calente Cafe was the scene for an entertaining evening for over one hundred dental assistants, with amusing skits presented by each society. The Los Angeles Society presented four clinicians at this meeting. They were Mountizay Lodge with a clinic entitled "Some Like It Cold," Pat Martin with "The Autoclave," Violet Shimada with "You Can Do It, Too" (flower arranging), and Gertrude Eustace with "At 212 Degrees." This report was sent in by Helen Henderson of Van Nuys, Calif., and we hope that she has recovered from her recent illness.

News from Hawaii

Three dental assistants vacationing in the Islands were guests of the Honolulu County Dental Assistants Society at a dinner meeting held at Hale Nanea Hotel on May 20. Florence Kuntz and Dorothy Dravies of the San Francisco District Dental Assistants Society and Mary Savary of the Miami Dental Assistants Society were the honored guests. Dr. John Kahalenu is advisor to this group and was a guest at the dinner.



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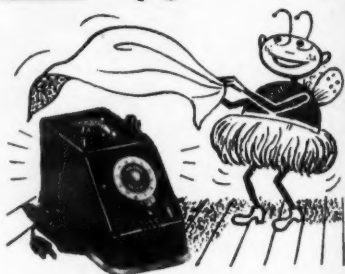
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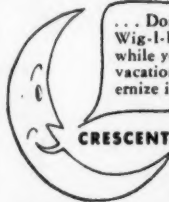
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Ed. Note: Several months ago one of our readers requested that we print something in the Dental Assistant to better acquaint us with the Canadian and British Dental Nurses Associations of which she had heard mention made on occasions. We sent an SOS to our friend, Marion Edwards of Ontario, Canada, and she graciously supplied us with the following brief history of these associations.

CANADIAN DENTAL NURSES AND ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION.

It has been said, "With hope as a needle, we weave a thread every day, until at last we cannot break it."

The threads that were woven into the Canadian Dental Nurses' and Assistants' Association were started back in 1938, through inspiration and encouragement received from the beloved Founder of the American Dental Assistants Association, the late Juliette A. Southard. It was a dream of hers that Canada would have a national association such as the one in the U. S. A., and that someday these two organizations would unite and work together.

Letters were written by Mrs. Marion Edwards, R. N., President of the Ontario Association at that time, to Dental Nurses and Assistants all over Canada. Local groups were started, and donations to start a treasury and defray expenses were sent by local groups everywhere. Then came the second world war, and all efforts were dropped until about 1944.

In 1945 the Western Canada Dental Nurses and Assistants sent out notice that all were invited to meet with Mrs. Edwards at their Convention in Winnipeg in June; and it was at that meeting that the national association was brought into

being, under the guidance of Dr. M. H. Garvin of Winnipeg.

Mrs. Edwards was chosen as its first President. The four officers chosen were to bring in to the next meeting a suitable Constitution and By-Laws to be voted upon.

The object and aim of this national body is to promote unity and good fellowship among the Dental Nurses and Assistants across Canada, and to aid in the advancement of the standards of our profession; and to improve the personnel.

Membership in the Canadian Association is individual, not by affiliation through local societies. Associate membership is held by several American and British assistants. The President of the American Dental Assistants Association is held as an Honorary member during her term of office, as is also the President of the British Dental Nurses Society. Dr. H. M. Garvin is also an Honorary member. Many changes have taken place in these past six years—members come and go—many have been lost to the role of a wife and mother. Yet, to date we have about 450 members out of a possible 850. Many of our cities are 24 hours apart, and progress is naturally slow. There are about 50 Independent members in smaller places, to whom, possibly, membership has meant much. There are about 18 local societies across Canada. Our annual meetings are held in conjunction with the Canadian Dentist's meetings when at all possible. In 1946 we met in Toronto, in 1947-'48 the C. D. A. met at summer resorts where

it was impossible for us to go, as we had no hostess group near by. In 1949 we met again in the middle west in Saskatoon, in 1950 in Toronto, in Ottawa in 1951.

June 15-18, 1952 we will meet in Vancouver on the west coast. We will be glad to welcome American Dental Assistants to that meeting.

We are yet young, but gradually coming out of the kindergarten stage, and we are looking ahead to bigger things. As our beloved Honorary member, the late Juliette Southard, once said to us, "Strive ahead, nothing good comes without striving."

Mrs. Edwards, now retired from active dentistry, was made an Honorary Life Member at the Ottawa meeting, and Miss Margaret Good of Montreal became the new President.

We publish a quarterly bulletin that provides members with country wide news. We expect to develop it into something larger as time goes by.

We appreciate the fellowship we have enjoyed with our many American sisters and trust it may increase as the years go by.

THE BRITISH DENTAL NURSES AND ASSISTANTS SOCIETY.

The Dental Nurses and Assistants Society of Great Britain was founded in 1940 by P. E. Grundy Esq. L. D. S. (they do not use the prefix Dr. as we do for Dentists). He bore the initial expenses of this Society and served as the President for about 8 years. S. Dayrell Vincent Esq. L. D. S. followed P. E. Grundy for the years of 1948-'49 and Beatrice Green assumed the President's duties in 1950.

It is my understanding that all memberships were in the national society in the beginning, it was later divided into districts. They have a very large membership. They have study groups and a Certification plan with examinations for "Certificate A," and wear a badge to indicate they have successfully passed the examination. Each member has a number in her society. Miss Dolly Normanton of Harrigate is serving as President this year.

They publish a very interesting journal each month, The British Dental Assistant, which accepts advertisements for situations vacant and situations wanted. Their central or head office is at 2 Sumner St. Leyland, Lancashire. Miss Jean Smith serves as General Secretary. They show a very keen interest in the profession and their study groups; and are also keenly interested in what we are doing on this side of the ocean. At the present time they are not allowed to send money out of the country so they have an exchange plan of membership with our Canadian Association, about six members at present. Honorary membership is bestowed upon both the Canadian and American Association Presidents for the duration of their terms of office.

By MARION EDWARDS.

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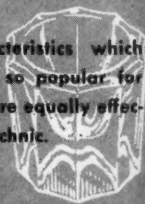
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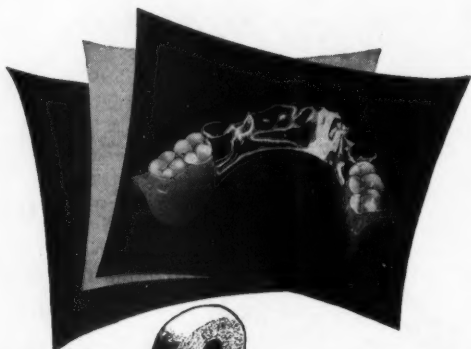
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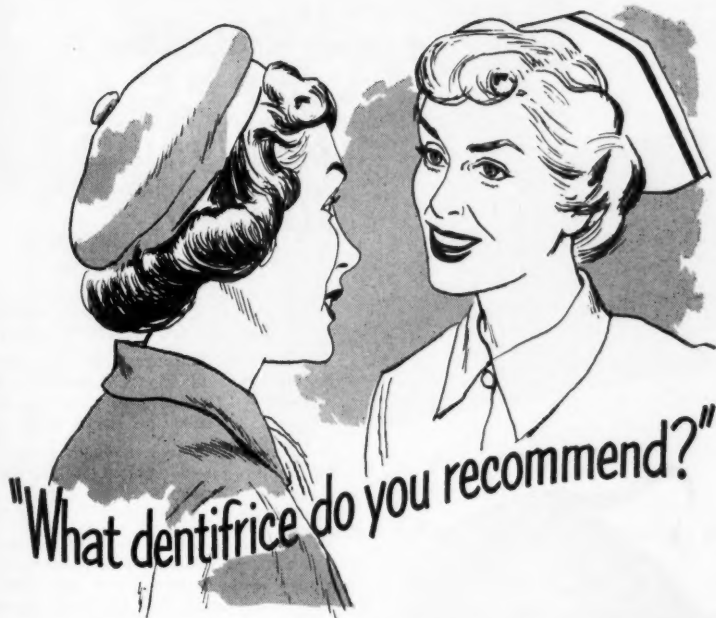
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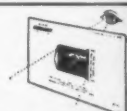
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